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# At SCO, Modi calls out terror 'double standards'

## Joint statement condemns attacks in both India & Pakistan

ANIRBAN BHAUMIK
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that double standards on terrorism are unacceptable, as the leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) condemned the Pahalgam carnage as well as the attacks on a train and a school bus in Pakistan's Balochistan in the joint statement.

"Can the open support for terrorism by certain countries ever be acceptable to us?" Modi said, alluding to Islamabad's role in the killing of 26 people, mostly tourists, in Pahalgam by terrorists from Pakistan.

"This attack was not only an assault on the conscience of India, but also an open challenge to every nation and every individual who believes in humanity," he said, addressing the SCO summit in China's Tianjin that was also attended by Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif.

"We must state it clearly and in one voice: double standards on terrorism are unacceptable. Together, we must oppose terrorism in every form and manifestation. This is our responsibility towards humanity," Modi said.

Modi sent out a message not only to Pakistan but also to China. Beijing's repeated bids to shield terrorists and terrorist organisations based in Pakistan from the United Nations sanctions have been an irritant in India's relations with China.

PM Narendra Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping (right) and Russian President Vladimir Putin (left) at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Tianjin, China. AP/PTI

**GEOPOLITICS AT SUMMIT**

- Modi says Pahalgam attack assault on the conscience of India, demands terrorism to be opposed in every form
- Pak PM Sharif says they have "evidence of foreign involvement" in terrorist attacks in Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- In the declaration, bloc says perpetrators, and sponsors of such attacks must be brought to justice

- At SCO defence ministers meet in Tianjin, bloc had refused to condemn J&K terror attack but had denounced attacks in Pak

> Member states strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Pahalgam on 22 April 2025. Member states also strongly condemned the terrorist attacks on Jaffar Express on 11 March and in Khuzdar on 21 May 2025.
>
> **Tianjin Declaration**

Sharif, too, did not let go of the opportunity, telling SCO leaders that Pakistan had "evidence of foreign involvement" in terrorist attacks in its Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces.

He particularly referred to the attack on Jaffar Express train on March 11 and 12 and warned that the perpetrators and their facilitators of such heinous crimes would be severely punished. Sharif also said that Pakistan had made "immense sacrifices" in the war against terrorism.

"Member states strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Pahalgam on 22 April 2025," according to the Tianjin Declaration issued by the SCO after the summit. "Member states also strongly condemned the terrorist attacks on Jaffar Express on 11 March and in Khuzdar on 21 May 2025."

The leaders of the 10-nation bloc expressed their deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the dead and the wounded. They further stated that perpetrators, organisers and sponsors of such attacks must be brought to justice.

India had responded to the April 22 carnage by launching "Operation Sindoor". In retaliation, the Pakistan Army targeted civilians and military facilities in India.

When the SCO defence ministers had met in Tianjin on June 26, the 10-nation bloc had refused to condemn the terrorist attack in J&K in the joint statement, but had denounced the attacks in Pakistan. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had lodged a strong protest, and, as a result, there was no joint statement.

But after the SCO summit, the joint statement condemned the attacks in Pahalgam and on Jaffar Express and in Khuzdar.

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## 'Humanity's call to end Ukraine war'

**An early end to the Russia-Ukraine conflict is the call of humanity, PM Narendra Modi told President Vladimir Putin as they met in Tianjin on Monday and vowed to strengthen the "Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership" between the two nations. The two leaders held a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the SCO summit.**

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# Trump muddies trade waters, says India has offered to cut tariffs to zero

## Terms India-US trade so far as a 'one-sided disaster'

NEW DELHI, DHNS

India has offered to bring down its tariffs on goods imported from the United States to 'nothing', President Donald Trump said on Monday, even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned to New Delhi after meeting Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin during the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Tianjin.

"It has been totally a one-sided disaster," Trump posted on Truth Social, alleging that US companies found it difficult to sell products in India due to the high tariff barriers. He said that India, on the other hand, sold "massive amounts of goods" in the US.

"They (India) have now offered to cut their tariffs (on imports from the US) to nothing, but it's getting late. They should have done so years ago," Trump wrote on Truth Social.

> It has been a totally one sided disaster! Also, India buys most of its oil and military products from Russia, very little from the US. They have now offered to cut their Tariffs to nothing, but it's getting late. They should have done so years ago
>
> **Donald Trump, US President**

He made the comment even as Modi's participation in the SCO summit added to the speculation that the strain in New Delhi's relations with Washington over tariffs prompted India to add momentum to its traditional ties with Russia and seek a rapprochement with China despite the border dispute.

The SCO, a 10-nation bloc led by Moscow and Beijing, is perceived as a potential counterweight to US-led NATO.

▸ Trump, Page 3A

# Afghanistan earthquake kills more than 800

KABUL/NEW DELHI, AGENCIES & DHNS

A massive rescue operation was underway in Afghanistan on Monday, after a strong earthquake and multiple aftershocks collapsed homes onto sleeping families in a remote, mountainous region, killing more than 800 people, according to the Taliban authorities.

The death toll is feared to rise significantly.

The 6.0-magnitude earthquake struck just before midnight, rattling buildings from Kabul to neighbouring Pakistan's capital, Islamabad.

Near the epicentre in eastern Afghanistan, around 800 people were killed and 2,500 injured in remote Kunar province alone, chief Taliban government spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said.

Another 12 people were killed and 255 injured in neighbouring Nangarhar province, while 58 people were injured in Laghman province.

The epicentre was about 27 km from Jalalabad in Nangarhar province, according to the US Geological Survey, which said it struck about 8 km below the Earth's surface. Such relatively shallow quakes can cause more damage.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep anguish at the loss of lives in Afghanistan, and said India is ready to provide all possible humanitarian aid.

Swinging into action, the country's mission in Kabul has delivered 1,000 family tents and moved 15 tonnes of food material to the worst-affected Kunar province.

**RAVAGED**

- Afghanistan is frequently hit by earthquakes
- Threat is more in Hindu Kush range, near junction of Eurasia and India tectonic plates
- 12 earthquakes with magnitudes greater than seven in northeast Afghanistan since 1900

**Recent major quakes**

- **In Oct 2023:** More than 1,500 killed, 63,000 homes destroyed in Western Herat (6.3 scale)
- **In June 2022:** More than 1,000 killed in Paktika province (5.9 scale)

Civil defence workers and locals prepare to evacuate earthquake victims in Afghanistan on Monday. AP/PTI

# Modi govt with you, Joshi tells Heggade

DHARMASTHALA, DHNS: Union Minister Pralhad Joshi on Monday assured Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Veerendra Heggade that the "Modi government is there" with him in the fight against a "conspiracy" amid allegations of "mass burials" at the temple town.

Pralhad Joshi

"I will tell the Khawand (Heggade) that no matter what anyone may say, you have Annappa's blessings, Manjunatha's grace, support of all these devotees, and along with this, Modi's government is there," Joshi said during the Dharmasthala Chalo by the BJP.

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SIT takes complainant-witness for mahazar

Mattannavar, Thimarody booked for spreading false info

## Gold at lifetime high on tariff worries

Gold prices rallied Rs 1,000 to hit yet another record high of Rs 1,05,670 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday, lifted by expectations of a rate cut by the US Federal Reserve and robust demand in overseas markets. Traders said gold surged as investors surged towards safe-haven assets.

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## Factory output soars to 17-year high

India's manufacturing output grew at its quickest pace in over 17 years, led by robust domestic demands, an industry survey by S&P Global said on Monday. Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for manufacturing rose to 59.3 in August from 59.1 recorded in the previous month.

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## Rupee falls 10 paise, hits all-time low

The rupee depreciated 10 paise to close at an all-time low of 88.19 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday amid trade deal uncertainties and higher dollar demand. Forex traders said the rupee opened on a weaker note this morning, weighed down by foreign fund outflows.

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# Goodbye BBMP, hello GBA: City to get 5 corporations from today

BENGALURU, DHNS

The state government is expected to bid goodbye to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Tuesday, as the 45-day window to operationalise five new municipal corporations at the place of a single urban civic body has come to an end.

The government may issue a slew of orders, including those concerning the appointment of five corporation commissioners and technical staff as well as the formation of a delimitation commission to redraw ward boundaries.

The transition, given its sheer size and scale, is sure to disrupt the delivery of services—especially the issuance of khatas, ongoing works and grievance redressal, including the time-sensitive complaints about building violations.

**TIMELINE**

- **January 2007:** BBMP notified
- **July 2024:** GBG Bill 2024 introduced in Assembly
- **May 2025:** GBA officially came into force
- **July 2025:** Proposal to establish 5 city corporations notified
- **September 2025:** BBMP becomes history

While ward offices will remain as they are for now, the zonal, divisional and sub-divisional organisational setup will undergo massive changes, both in terms of staff strength and structure.

BBMP Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao, however, said the civic body is well-prepared to adapt to the new system once the government issues the notification. "We do not see much disruption to the existing arrangements. As works for the current financial year are already approved, individual corporations will not present a new budget, but they can pass a supplementary budget," he said.

Speaking to reporters, Deputy CM D K Shivakumar said senior officers with extensive experience would be posted as corporation commissioners.

▸ BBMP, Page 3A

# HC: Clear Maratha agitators from roads

MUMBAI, DHNS: As the Maratha reservation agitation led by Manoj Jarange Patil led to chaos in South Mumbai, the Bombay High Court observed that the situation has "gone out of hand" and asked the government to clear the protestors from the streets except for the designated protest area of Azad Maidan by Tuesday.

"The situation is grim and Mumbai has been brought to a standstill," said a division bench comprising Justice Ravindra Ghuge and Justice Gautam Ankhad, which conducted a special hearing on a petition of Amy Foundation and others on Monday.

Calling the situation "grim", the court said: "We are giving Jarange and his supporters an opportunity to rectify the situation immediately and ensure the streets are vacated and cleaned up by Tuesday noon."

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# SC allows EC to accept SIR claims, objections beyond Sept 1

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Monday allowed the Election Commission to accept claims or objections in preparation of the draft electoral rolls in Bihar even after the September 1 deadline in the Special Intensive Revision process initiated in June this year.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi noted the submission by the poll panel that all such claims or objections filed before the last date of nominations will be considered.

The court was considering applications filed by RJD and AIMIM to extend the deadline of filing claims and objections by two weeks.

The Election Commission, led by senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, said that claims or objections can be submitted even after the deadline of September 1 and that those will be considered after the electoral roll has been finalised.

He assured that the process would continue until the last date of nominations and all inclusions or exclusions will be integrated in the final roll.

Finding the confusion over Bihar-SIR a largely trust issue, the court directed the deployment of para-legal volunteers to help individuals file objections.

▸ SIR, Page 3A

## 'Hydrogen bomb on vote chori soon'

**A "hydrogen bomb" will unravel the truth of 'vote chori' after which PM Narendra Modi won't be able to show his face to the country, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Monday at the culmination of the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' in Bihar.**

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## Rahul boost for Bihar Cong

**The EC may be asking him to prove his charges of 'vote theft'. The NDA leaders may be berating him, but Rahul Gandhi has done what many Congress top leaders could not do in Bihar.**

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JOB FREEZE

# Over 96,000 govt employees are on contract

BHARATH JOSHI
BENGALURU, DHNS

About one in six government employees is on a contract, jobs data show, and there is pressure on the Siddaramaiah administration to recruit and fill up a staggering 2.84 lakh vacancies, a poll promise made by the ruling Congress.

The government currently has 5.88 lakh employees of whom 16%, or 96,844, are outsourced, according to data from the department of personnel & administrative reforms (DPAR).

The department of medical education (15,824) has the highest number of outsourced employees.

"Only Group D and a few Group C employees are working on contract, not doctors," Medical Education Minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil told *DH*. "It was a policy decision taken long back by the finance department that Group D jobs can be outsourced."

**Government Jobs**

Sanctioned posts 7,76,414

| Filled up | Vacant |
|---|---|
| 4,91,533 | 2,84,881 |

Contractual/Outsourced - **96,844**

The Congress government could not make fresh recruitments for nine months, between November 2024 and August 2025, because of a freeze by the DPAR to finalise internal reservation among Scheduled Castes. The freeze was lifted last week.

Dr Patil said his department had to hire a few doctors on contract due to the freeze on recruitment.

The medical education department is followed by revenue (15,376) and health (11,424) in terms of high outsourced employees.

The government has earmarked Rs 2,273 crore this year for outsourced employee salaries. Overall, the government's salary bill is estimated to touch Rs 85,860 crore in the current fiscal, a 19% jump from last year.

In its 2023 election manifesto, the Congress had promised to fill up all government vacancies in one year.

In 2023 and 2024, the government filled up 1,961 vacancies through the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) and recruited 709 sub-inspectors and 4,880 constables.

The previous BJP government initiated recruitment of 15,000 primary school teachers of whom 12,312 reported to work. The Congress government has approved the recruitment of 4,882 primary school teachers in the Kalyana Karnataka region.

CM Siddaramaiah's Economic Advisor Basavaraj Rayareddi said the government will start recruiting as the freeze is lifted. "At least 50% of the vacancies will be filled this year. The CM will decide the quantum," he said.

## IN THE CITY

**GENERAL**

**Health Department:** Launch of the Nutritious Food Distribution Scheme in Government Hospitals; Sir CV Raman Hospital, Indiranagar; 12 noon.

**Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry:** Presentation of the 'Export Excellence' Award; Guests: Ramalinga Reddy, MB Patil, MG Balakrishna; Sir MV Auditorium, FKCCI, KG Road; 3.30 pm.

**CULTURAL**

**Karnataka Nataka Academy:** Inauguration of Puranic song singing camp; SG Siddaramaiah, BC Nagendra Kumar; Dr BR Ambedkar Auditorium, Government Arts College; 11.30 am.

**Srividyaranya Yuvaka Sangha:** 63rd Ganeshotsava; Music concert: 63 flutes mela, directed by HS Venugopal; APS College Grounds, Basavanagudi; 7 pm.

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## CITY WEATHER

**FORECAST**

Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain and thundershowers

**TEMPERATURES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Maximum | 27.0°C |
| Minimum | 20.0°C |

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

| | |
|---|---|
| Rainfall | 0.4 mm |
| Humidity | 805% |
| Sunset (Sept2) | 6:31 pm |
| Sunrise (Sept3) | 6:09 am |
| Moonrise | 1:24 pm |
| Moonset | 11:59 pm |

# Man, 60, sets 35-year-old girlfriend on fire

## Passerby who tried to save her injured

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Hulimavu police arrested a 60-year-old cab driver for setting his 35-year-old girlfriend on fire on a busy Bengaluru road in broad daylight, killing her.

The suspect, Vittal, a cab driver from Bilwaradahalli near Bannerghatta, has been booked for murdering Vanajaskhi (35), who was from the same locality.

Vittal

According to the FIR, the incident occurred around 12.30 pm on Saturday when Vittal chased a car carrying Vanajaskhi, her relative Muniyappa, and acquaintance Lakshmamma to a hospital in Koramangala. They were going to visit Vanajaskhi's sick nephew in hospital.

Near Hommadevanahalli Main Road, Vittal blocked their car, poured petrol, and attacked them.

Muniyappa and Vanajaskhi tried to flee, but Vittal chased them. Vanajaskhi stumbled, and Vittal doused her with petrol before setting her ablaze, the FIR said, adding that Lakshmamma remained inside the car as she was old.

A passerby attempting to intervene was also injured.

Locals rushed Vanajaskhi to hospital. She sustained severe burns and succumbed on Monday, the police said. Vittal fled, but was later arrested.

### Constant harassment

Police sources said that Vittal had remarried after his first wife's death, but she left him for another man. Vanajaskhi, too, had separated from her husband, who died six months ago. The two lived together briefly before she moved out due to his harassment under alcohol.

Vittal already faced two cases of abuse.

Before dying, Vanajaskhi reportedly asked Muniyappa to care for her young son from her first marriage, the police added.

# Ganeshotsava laddu auctioned for Rs 8 lakh in Nagawara

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The laddu prasada of the Ganeshotsava, organised by Navodaya Geleyara Balaga in Nagawara, fetched a record Rs 8 lakh at an auction on Sunday.

The laddu was purchased by NC Padmanabha during the Ganesha Visarjan celebrations. Organisers felicitated him after his winning bid, which drew spirited participation from several devotees.

Adding glamour, film stars Aishwarya Shindogi, Bullet Rakesh and Tanisha Kuppanda joined the celebrations.

The tradition of auctioning the Ganesha laddu has been a highlight of Nagawara's festivities for years, but this year marked a record-breaking bid.

# Driven by 'dowry torture, husband's affair', woman dies by suicide

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** A 28-year-old woman allegedly died by suicide at her Sidedahalli home on Bengaluru's outskirts on Saturday, reportedly driven by dowry harassment and her husband's alleged affair.

Her mother's complaint stated that Poojashree, married to Nandish for three years, had a 10-month-old daughter. Both worked at a private company.

It is alleged that Nandish was in a relationship with another woman. When confronted, he allegedly subjected Poojashree to physical and mental abuse and demanded more dowry.

Family elders tried to mediate on multiple occasions, with Nandish promising to change. However, the harassment is said to have continued.

Based on the complaint, the Bagalgunte police registered a case.

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→ No language barrier as your co-tourists are from Karnataka → 30 yrs of tourism experience.
ENGLAND & EUROPE → 16 DAYS
COUNTRIES COVERED: England, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Vatican.
DATES: OCT 22. NOV 5, 12.
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EUROPE → 13 DAYS
COUNTRIES COVERED: France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Vatican.
DATES: OCT 25. NOV 8, 15.
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AUSTRALIA → 13 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Sydney: Blue Mountain, Wollongong. Melbourne: Penguin Parade, Great Ocean Road. Cairns: Kuranda, Great Barrier Reef.
Gold Coast: Seaworld, Crystal Castle & Shambhala Gardens. Brisbane
DATES: OCT 19. NOV 2, 16, 23. DEC 7.
7483366378
SINGAPORE - MALAYSIA - THAILAND → 4 / 5 / 7 / 8 / 11 / 15 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Singapore: Universal Studios, Sentosa Island, Wings Of Time, Cable Car, Singapore City Tour, Gardens by the Bay, Sea Aquarium.
Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur City Tour, Putrajaya, Genting Highland. Thailand: Pattaya, Coral Island, Alcazar Show, Nong Nooch Village, Bangkok City Tour, Safari World & Marine Park.
DATES: OCT 3, 17, 24. NOV 7, 21, 28. DEC 5, 12.
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SRILANKA RAMAYANA TRAILS → 5 / 7 / 8 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Ramayana Temples, Manavari Temple, Munneswaram Temple, Trincomalee, Matale, Sigiriya Rock Photostop, Kandy, Tooth Relic, Ramboda Hanuman, Tea Factory, Nuwara Eliya, Ashoka Vatika, Sita Agnipariksha, Bentota Beach, Madu River Safari, Vibhishana Temple, Colombo City Tour.
DATES: SEP 25. OCT 2, 16, 30. NOV 6, 20, 27. DEC 4, 11, 18.
9364104366
DUBAI → 6 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Dhow cruise, Dubai City Tour, Abu Dhabi City Tour, Burj Khalifa, Desert Safari, Dubai Frame, Global Village.
DATES: OCT 2, 16, 30. NOV 6, 20, 27. DEC 4, 11, 18.
9364104373
NEPAL - MUKTHINATH → 5/9 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Lumbini, Pokhara, Jomsom, Muktinath, Phewa Lake, Manokamana, Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Doleshwar Mahadev, Janakpur etc.
DATES: OCT 7, 16, 30. NOV 6, 20, 27.
7022259007
BHUTAN - THE LAND OF HAPPINESS → 8 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Phuentsholing, Punakha, Paro, Thimphu.
DATES: SEP 18. OCT 7, 16, 30. NOV 6, 20, 27. DEC 4, 11, 18.
7022259007
BALI - THE LAND OF GODS → 5 / 7 / 9 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Denpasar, Nusa Penida Island, Kintamani, Ubud, Garuda Wisnu Cultural Park, Tanah Lot, Beratan Lake, Ulun Danu, Taman Ayun, Tanjung Benoa Beach, Uluwatu, Besakih, Tirta Empul, Lempuyang Temple, Tirta Gangga, Kings Palace, Bat Caves Temple.
DATES: SEP 22. OCT 6, 20, 27. NOV 3, 17, 24. DEC 1, 15.
7022259008
CAMBODIA - VIETNAM → 6 / 7 / 10 / 12 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Cambodia: Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Angkor Wat, Tonle Sap, Thousand Lingas River. Vietnam: Hanoi, Ninh Binh, Halong Bay, Da Nang, Hoi An, Ba Na Hills, Mekong Delta, Ho Chi Minh City, Cu Chi Tunnels.
DATES: SEP 25. OCT 2, 16, 30. NOV 6, 20, 27. DEC 4, 11.
7975001525
RUSSIA → 7 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Kremlin, Red Square, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, Sparrow Hills, Boat ride along Moskva River (1 hr), Peterhof Palace, Sapsan train, Vasilievsky Island, Anichkov Bridge, Peter & Paul's Fortress, Palace Square, Alexander's Column Monument, Pushkin.
DATES: OCT 16, 30
7975001525
JAPAN → 8 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Tokyo, Mt Fuji, Bullet Train, Osaka, Kyoto, Nara, Kobe.
DATES : OCT 16, 30. NOV 6, 20, 27. DEC 4, 11.
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K Nagaraj Adiga,
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**S. E. RAILWAY – E-TENDER**

**Tender Notice No.: PCMM/GENL/TP/2025/33, Dated: 01.09.2025.** Tender for "E" Procurement System. The Principal Chief Materials Manager, South Eastern Railway, Hd. Qrs. Office (5th Floor), New Administrative Building, 11, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata-700043 for and on behalf of the President of India invites open E-tenders which have been uploaded on website **www.ireps.gov.in** as follows. All the tenders will be closed **at 14.00 hrs.**

| Sl. No. | Tender No. | Due Date | Brief Description | Quantity | EMD amount (₹) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 56253173 | 22.09.2025 | Running Contract for Supply of 2 core x 10 sq.mm Power Cable etc. 1000 | 1000 KM | 20,00,000 |
| 2 | 29255068A | 15.09.2025 | Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of IP Based Video Surveillance System etc. | 1434 Set | 50,00,000 |
| 3 | 29253786 | 08.10.2025 | Overhauling kit for LRU, Control Portion | 108 Set | 2,81,640 |
| 4 | 29253789 | 10.10.2025 | Overhauling kit for LRU; Controller Assembly | 112 Set | 3,00,000 |
| 5 | 50251659 | 07.10.2025 | Solid Polythene Insulated Fully Filled, Polythene Sheathed Underground Telecom Cable Armored Cables with Poly-Al Moisture Barrier, 50 Pairs | 15 Km | 1,47,760 |
| 6 | 33253044 | 14.10.2025 | Secondary Spring Generator Car Side 2 (Outer) | 260 nos. | 3,03,030 |
| 7 | IE255986 | 29.09.2025 | Coupler Body with Shank Wear Plate | 600 nos. | 4,89,230 |
| 8 | IE256048 | 29.09.2025 | IE256048 CASNUB - 22 HS CAST STEEL BOGIE | 20 nos. | 1,88,800 |
| 9 | IE256057 | 29.09.2025 | Adapter (Narrow Jaw) | 4500 nos. | 1,39,020 |
| 10 | 65245057 | 25.09.2025 | EOT CRANE 15 Ton (Pre-bid meeting on 11.09.25, 13:00 hrs. at PCMM Meeting Room/SER/GRC/Kol-43 | 04 nos. | 4,54,000 |
| 11 | IE255400 | 03.10.2025 | HT Three Core Power Cable | 1550 Mtr. | 1,07,950 |
| 12 | 40251633 | 22.09.2025 | Welding cable, single core, rubber insulated, 95 sq.mm etc. | 89868 Mtr. | 2,20,570 |
| 13 | 38251499 | 19.09.2025 | Locking plate for AAR type Cartridge Roller Bearing | 304900 Nos. | 1,34,580 |
| 14 | 38253350 | 16.10.2025 | Top Housing for Constant Contact Poly Urethane (PU) Side etc. | 3900 Nos. | 2,04,140 |
| 15 | 39251578 | 21.10.2025 | Flap door Chainless Cotter etc. | 85500 Nos. | 2,40,300 |
| 16 | 60250012 | 19.09.2025 | Manufacturing & supply of 10125 mm. curved switches with ZU-1-60/60E1A1 thick web Grade 880/R-260 class A tongue rails and R-260 Grade, etc. | 1200 Set | 50,00,000 |
| 17 | 33255017 | 26.09.2025 | Supply, Installation and commissioning of IP based VSS | 2220 Set | 50,00,000 |

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**[A] No. PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/CORRIGENDUM/25/25, Dated: 28.08.2025. Sl. No.: [01]. Tender Notice No.: Sl. No. 260** of PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/43 Dated: 01/08/2025. **Tender No.: 14252543B. Tender Opening Date:** Tender Opening Date is to be read as **"05/09/2025"** instead of existing entry.

**[B] No. PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/CORRIGENDUM/25/26, Dated: 30.08.2025. Sl. No.: [01]. Tender Notice No.: Sl. No. 231** of PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/40 Dated: 14/07/2025, **Sl. No. 01** of PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/CORRIGENDUM/25/23. Dated: 19/08/2025. **Tender No.: 25255122. Tender Opening Date:** Tender Opening Date is to be read as **"15/09/2025"** instead of existing entry.

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# 80-year-old pedestrian hit by BMTC bus; dies

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** An 80-year-old pedestrian was killed after being hit by a BMTC bus in the Mahadevapura traffic police station limits on Sunday night.

The police said the victim, Shankar Narayana Shastri, was crossing the road near the MVJ College bus stand on Channasandra Main Road when the speeding EV BMTC bus knocked him down. The bus was travelling from Hope Farm Junction towards Channasandra.

Shastri sustained multiple injuries to his head and limbs and was rushed to Vydehi Hospital, Whitefield, where he died around 10.40 pm during treatment.

Shastri, a priest at a nearby Ganesha temple, was well known in the locality.

The driver, identified as 39-year-old Gangaraju, has been accused of reckless and negligent driving. The police noted that BMTC buses have been involved in about five fatal accidents in the past month.


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# Hike in property registration fee could hit affordable homes segment

**Industry insiders believe the setback could just be short-term**

MAHESH KULKARNI
BENGALURU, DHNS

Affordable housing sales in Karnataka may take a hit in the wake of the state government raising the property registration fee from 1% to 2%.

Industry experts say the hike could prompt budget-conscious homebuyers to delay purchase decisions.

With this revision, Karnataka joins the ranks of states with the highest overall property transaction costs. Buyers already pay 5% stamp duty and 0.5% cess; the additional 2% registration fee raises the cumulative burden to 7.5%. This makes property deals in Karnataka costlier than in several comparable states and could affect its competitiveness in attracting both homebuyers and investors, said Rakesh Reddy, Director, Aparna Constructions and Estates Pvt Ltd.

"At a time when demand in Karnataka's housing market has been growing steadily, particularly in Bengaluru, this move risks dampening sentiment in the affordable and mid-segment categories where buyers are most price sensitive. Even a 1% increase on high-value transactions adds a big burden and may push buyers to defer purchase decisions," Reddy said.

While the hike will add to government revenues, housing sales are likely to be impacted in the affordable category, said Prashant Thakur, Executive Director & Head-Research & Advisory, ANAROCK Group. He added that the overall effect, however, will be minimal, since launches and sales in this segment have already been very limited in the past few years.

Bengaluru's real estate fundamentals remain strong, buoyed by IT growth, robust infrastructure, and long-term value appreciation, experts opine. DH FILE PHOTO

He said premium and luxury segments are expected to remain largely unaffected since high-net-worth buyers are better positioned to absorb the added cash outgo.

According to ANAROCK Research, Bengaluru clocked a 12% year-on-year fall in home sales at 30,120 units in the first half of 2025, compared with 34,145 units in the same period last year.

Priyanka Raju, Director, Kalyani Developers, said the increase in registration charges will naturally add a marginal cost for buyers. While such changes can cause short-term hesitation, the long-term outlook for Karnataka's housing market remains robust with Bengaluru's economic growth, strong employment generation, and continued infrastructure expansion.

Despite the hike, Karnataka's overall transaction costs remain lower than in some major markets such as Delhi and Tamil Nadu, where levies can touch 10–11%. They are broadly comparable with Andhra Pradesh and Haryana, noted Sunil Pareek, Executive Director, Assetz.

"This move reflects the state's focus on revenue generation and its digitisation drive. In Bengaluru, where apartments in integrated townships typically cost Rs 1 to Rs 2 crore, this fee increase amounts to nearly Rs 1.5 lakh upfront. While larger-ticket buyers may manage this, a differentiated fee structure — for instance, lower slabs for affordable or first-time buyers — would be more inclusive," Pareek said.

Bengaluru's real estate fundamentals remain strong, buoyed by IT growth, robust infrastructure, and long-term value appreciation.

Developers may also roll out creative payment options to offset the upfront cost, said Nesara BS, Chairman, Concorde Group.

"Although this raises the immediate cost, genuine end-users will continue to find value in home ownership. Demand in the mid to premium segments, driven more by aspiration, will remain resilient," he added.

## Labourer dies in mud collapse at construction site; another injured

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** A labourer, who was trapped under a mound of soil, died at an under-construction site in northeastern Bengaluru following heavy rains.

The incident occurred on late Monday evening at the building site in Yelahanka. The deceased is said to be from Andhra Pradesh.

Another labourer was stuck in the mud, but was rescued and moved to a hospital, officials said. His condition remains critical.

A few labourers were digging to lay the foundation of the building. Due to the rains, the pit filled up and the mud collapsed, officials said.

A few workers managed to escape, while the two were caught in the collapsing mud. The Yelahanka police have launched a probe.

# 18 years & just 2 elections: BBMP's troubled tenure ends

**Activists, experts bid final adieu to the civic body**

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), which has sailed into history, saw only two council elections in 18 years and five months, leaving the city without councillors for nearly half its tenure.

While the BBMP was blamed for potholes, garbage, flooding, and corruption, the real power centres — MLAs — mostly escaped scrutiny.

Between 2001 and 2025, only three municipal polls were held, instead of the five that should have taken place.

Elections were delayed in 2006–07 during the BBMP's creation in place of the Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BMP) and again in 2020 for governance restructuring.

Retired engineers recalled that the BBMP was formed by merging seven city municipal councils, one town municipal council, and 111 villages to provide amenities in peripheral areas and curb corruption.

They said the mandate failed, and fear irregularities will persist under the new governance model as political pressures remain high.

### 'A sad day'

Kathyayini Chamaraj, executive trustee of Civic Bangalore, called the dissolution a "sad day".

"Local self-governance is being dismantled, and its powers usurped by the state government. The five new corporations have far fewer powers and are weak versions of the BBMP. All major projects will now be decided by the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), without adequate participation from citizens or the smaller corporations," she said.

The BBMP head office in Hudson Circle. DH FILE PHOTO

**A QUICK SUMMARY**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **1949** Bangalore Municipal Corporation formed | **1989** Wards increased to **87** | **1995** Wards increased to **100** |
| **2007** BBMP formed expanding the size from **226 sqkm** to **712.54 sqkm** | **2020** BBMP Act was passed to increase wards from **198** to **243** | **2024** Congress govt decided to replace BBMP Act with Greater Bengaluru Governance Act |

### 'Bid BBMP goodbye'

Civic evangelist V Ravichandar said it was time to bid the BBMP goodbye.

"We each have our own memories of what the BBMP meant to us. Over time, it became too big and unwieldy to be effective for citizens. And for over half its existence, there were no elected representatives.

"Change became necessary," he said, adding that smaller corporations with decentralisation could bring governance closer to the people if backed by the GBA.

Srinivas Alavilli, fellow at WRI India, expressed disapproval at the decision of making the chief minister the head of GBA, but added that smaller corporations with mayors and commissioners would be more accessible.

"I now sincerely hope elections for the five city corporations are held soon," he said.

Jonathan Hung, Executive Director at the Office for Space Technology and Industry (OSTIn), Singapore, during the interaction in Bengaluru on Monday. AS Kiran Kumar, Former Isro Chairman, and Edgar Pang, Consul General, Consulate-General of Singapore, also seen. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

## Data from space needs to be applied widely: Ex-Isro chief

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Former Isro chairman AS Kiran Kumar on Monday said space usage should not be restricted to being merely beneficial for humanity.

He was speaking at a roundtable organised by Synergia on 'Leveraging Satellite Data for National Security'.

"The space infrastructure is changing not only for providing information to be used on the ground, but also enabling the capability to be in space for a whole lot of other activities," Kumar said.

Much of the existing data can be repurposed if utilised effectively beyond its original intent. Data availability is more or less assured from one source or another, Kumar added.

Jonathan Hung, Executive Director at the Office for Space Technology and Industry (OSTIn), Singapore, highlighted how raw data can be processed to address real-world problems.

"Getting processed data is not as simple as it sounds. But, if processed correctly, its usefulness is very wide: from climate change to disease monitoring to disaster response to smart agriculture to food security, to name a few," Hung said.

## UAS Bengaluru to teach AI, ML in agricultural courses

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** From this academic year, students at the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru, will study Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) as mandatory subjects in undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

For this, UAS has signed an agreement with Samsung, which will teach AI and ML to students under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.

"AI and ML have been incorporated in most professional courses, including engineering and medicine. To teach them as part of agriculture programmes, we are setting up a department to frame a suitable curriculum," said VS Suresh, Vice-Chancellor, UAS Bengaluru.

He cautioned that students without AI knowledge may lose out on jobs in the future. "In the first batch, around 300 students will be trained in an 80-hour programme. They will also receive hands-on training," he said.

UAS has also tied up with some engineering colleges to provide faculty assistance.

## Info on drug procurement for govt health facilities to go online

AMULLYA SHIVASHANKAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka State Medical Services Corporation Limited (KSMCL) is set to publish all information about drug procurement online. The corporation is planning on ensuring quality of medicines and their availability at government hospitals and other public health centres.

The decision comes after KSMCL officials met representatives of Sarvatrika Arogya Andolana-Karnataka (SAA-K), a people's campaign for universal health systems and those of the Drug Action Forum in Karnataka.

A letter was addressed to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao and Kanagavalli M, managing director of KSMCL, urging them to publish all information about drug procurement online and to ensure consistent supply of medicines and stock maintenance of regularly needed medicines.

"We have called for tenders to supply drugs. We will ensure that there is transparency in the process and that consistency is maintained. We have e-aushadha and e-upakarana for health centres to place orders for drugs," Rao told *DH*.

Representatives of SAA-K said poor people were being refused medicines as there was no stock in the department.

Dr Akshay, a representative of SAA-K, told *DH*: "The software can be put to better use here to calculate stocks and to ensure that there is more transparency in the system."

If a doctor prescribes medicines for months, the drugs have to be available every month.

If it is available one month and not the following month, people are forced to buy them from private pharmacies, Dr Akshay said.

## BBMP finds 2.75 lakh property owners 'chronic' defaulters

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has issued notices to over 2.75 lakh properties that have never paid property tax.

The civic body plans to attach the properties and even auction them within two months, if the dues are not cleared. The defaulted amount is estimated at Rs 786 crore.

Munish Moudgil

Speaking to *DH*, Munish Moudgil, Special Commissioner of Revenue, described the 2.75 lakh owners as 'chronic defaulters' who have never paid tax. "We will start attaching their properties if they do not pay up," he said, adding that the newly carved corporations will take over recovery once the BBMP ceases to exist.

Out of 20 lakh properties in the BBMP's records, 17 to 18 lakh pay tax every year or two.

"By letting them off, we do gross injustice to the honest taxpayer," he said.

The defaulters were identified through satellite data, drone surveys, Bescom and BWSSB records, and field inspections. Officials said notices were issued only after exhausting all other measures, including calls and SMS alerts.

**THE FINE PRINT**

| Zone | No. of properties/ citizens not paid tax | Amount of unpaid property tax & connected dues |
|---|---|---|
| Mahadevapura | 65,040 | 1,97,90,55,057.12 |
| South | 25,162 | 1,16,81,67,031.76 |
| East | 37,574 | 1,15,30,83,768.26 |
| Bommanahalli | 45,293 | 1,07,26,67,754.97 |
| Yelahanka | 28,022 | 80,61,44,875.49 |
| West | 25,321 | 75,28,89,617.24 |
| RR Nagar | 38,358 | 64,84,04,629.98 |
| Dasarahalli | 11,172 | 28,82,26,616.35 |
| **Total** | **2,75,942** | **7,86,86,39,351.17** |

As per records, the highest number of defaulters are in Mahadevapura, Bommanahalli & RR Nagar.

### What the rules say

- The BBMP can impose a 100% penalty on dues and 15% interest for non-payment of property tax f or two consecutive years.
- The rule also empowers the civic body to confiscate movable assets or attach immovable properties to recover the dues, a provision introduced last year.

## Women's organisations protest for equal pay and safety

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Karnataka State Committee of the All India Mahila Samskrutika Sanghatane (AIMSS) staged a protest at Freedom Park on Monday, demanding equal pay for women and an end to violence against women and children.

The demonstration was part of a week-long nationwide campaign against violence against women, pornography and alcoholism, called by the AIMSS All India Committee. Around 100 women participated.

Similar protests will be held across Karnataka between September 1 and 7, said Nirmala HL, Bengaluru Secretary of AIMSS. "In Bengaluru, throughout the week, we are planning various talks, demonstrations and exhibitions," she added.

Shobha, State Secretary, AIMSS, said, "There is no security for girls in the society today. Cases of female foeticide, child marriage, etc, are on the rise. While the governments are coming up with several pro-women schemes, in reality, they are not bothered about women's safety. The recent increase in crimes against women shows the negligence of governments towards women's safety."

The protest took place at Freedom Park on Monday. PHOTO: AIMSS

## Book on Kannada community in Oman launched

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** A book showcasing the experiences of Kannadigas living in Oman is brimming with positive anecdotes about life in their 'home away from home'.

'Beyond the Horizon; Indian voices from Oman', was launched at the Samarthanam Trust Auditorium in HSR Layout on Monday. It is the English translation of the Kannada book 'Arabbara Naadinalli Kannadigaru', which was launched in January this year.

The book's editor PS Ranganatha has lived in Oman for over 15 years, and was inspired to compile this collection by the love he feels for Oman and the Omani people. It is translated by his son Dr Anup Sarang Ranganatha.

Twenty-five contributors from diverse walks of life, including engineers, teachers, and home-makers offer a multifaceted perspective on the Kannadiga expatriate experience in Oman.

It also includes a brief history and introduction to the country for those unfamiliar with it.

Dr Anup says it is intended for the average curious Kannadiga. It is also a tribute to the lives of all Kannadigas in Oman, he adds.

### Vishwa Kannada Habba

The book release began with the announcement and poster launch of the 2025 edition of the Vishwa Kannada Habba festival, an international Kannada cultural festival run by the Kannada Press Club.

This year, it will be held in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, the organisers said.

GREEN LUNG UNDER THREAT

# Vendors, residents oppose flower market at GKVK

BENGALURU, DHNS

The state government's plan to build an international flower market on five acres of GKVK land, shifting traders from KR Market, faces stiff opposition from vendors and residents.

The project requires felling 942 trees on the campus, sparking protests from residents and environmentalists.

"GKVK has long been a green lung for this part of the world. Cutting down over 900 trees for the sake of a flower market or anything else is not acceptable. Is the government even aware of the impact of this kind of tree felling?" questioned Sudhir S, a resident of Judicial Layout.

Professors at the University of Agricultural Sciences echoed similar concerns.

"The GKVK campus is known for its biodiversity. All this land is used for research. If we lose five acres and 942 trees for this new project, it will have a negative impact on our ongoing and future research projects. Also, there are chances of us losing several precious tree species," a professor and environmentalist told *DH*.

The GKVK campus. DH FILE PHOTO

The 942 trees identified for felling include silver oaks, cashew plants, coconut trees, and five varieties of mango trees, all between seven and 10 years old.

GM Diwakar, president of the KR Market Flower Merchants' Association, called the new market "a disaster from the start".

"The government is already trying their luck with the Chikkaballapura APMC, and it is not working in its favour. This new market at GKVK will again be very close to the Chikkaballapura APMC. It is located in a corner of the city and is unlikely to draw any crowds. KR Market has its location working in its favour. It is centrally located and well-connected. The move is unscientific and we will go to court against the decision," Diwakar said.

About 136 flower vendors and 96 garland vendors are set to be shifted to the new market.

"Instead of building a whole new market for vendors within the market, the government must make an effort to facilitate the vendors who set up shop on the footpaths and roads outside the market. That will even solve the traffic problem in the area," he added.

**SUDHIR S**
A resident of Judicial Layout

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Members of Koli (Kabbaliga) and Talawar communities gather in large numbers in Yadgir on Monday, demanding the arrest of three persons for their alleged derogatory remarks against the 12th century Sharana Ambigara Chowdayya. DH PHOTO

# Massive protest in Yadgir over 'derogatory remarks' against Ambigara Chowdayya

YADGIR, DHNS

**Agitators want Koli, Kabbaliga and their alternative names to be included under Scheduled Tribes' list**

Members of Koli Kabbaliga and Talwar communities, under the banner of joint struggle committee, staged a massive protest here on Monday demanding the arrest of three people belonging to Valmiki community over their derogatory remark on Nijasharana Ambigara Chowdayya.

The agitators, in large numbers, gathered in front of Hanuman Temple and took out a protest march in the tow. They blocked the road for three hours at Netaji Subhash Circle.

During the recent protest by Valmikis against issuance of fake caste certificates, three community leaders had made derogatory remarks against the Koli saint and 12th century Sharana Ambigara Chowdayya. The police should arrest and banish them, the agitators demanded.

The protesters demanded that the ST certificate must be issued to Talawar community.

"The Koli, Kabbaliga and their alternative names should be included in the ST list. The state government should recommend the Centre in this regard," Shanthabhishma Chowdayya Swami and Mallannappa Swami demanded.

Meanwhile former minister and chairman of Nijasharana Ambigara Chowdayya Development Corporation Baburao Chinchansur told the agitators that he would meet AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy D K Shivakumar regarding the inclusion of Koli and Kabbaliga communities into ST list.

# Toxic air cuts 2 yrs of life for every Bengalurean: New pollution data

## Situation worsened in Garden City in last 25 years, it shows

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Before the turn of the millennium, toxic air would have cut the life expectancy of every Bengalurean by eight months.

Twenty five years later, it has risen to a loss of over two years of lives for each resident of the Garden City, according to new air pollution data.

In the same time span, every Karnataka district witnessed doubling of PM-2.5 level in air, though the concentrations of these tiny toxic particles in the state were not as high as the most polluted northern plains, shows the latest district-wise air quality data accessed by *DH*.

The new set of air pollution statistics is from University of Chicago's Air Quality Life Index (AQLI) that looks at air quality across the world using satellite data.

The researchers focused on dangerous PM-2.5 or particulate matter of 2.5 micron size that penetrates the lungs and travels to the bloodstream, triggering multiple health disorders. In some of the years, the situation was worse in Bengaluru. For instance, improving air quality to the WHO safe limit of 5 micrograms per year would have added an additional 2.9 years for each Bengalurean in 2016.

It would have been 2.6 years in 2018 and 2.5 years each in 2019 and 2021. Since 2007, the figure has never dropped below two years.

In 1998, before the IT boom, Bengaluru had a PM-2.5 level of 13.1 microgram per cubic meter, but it increased to 26.21 microgram in 2023. DH FILE PHOTO

"Our annual reports do not estimate the number of years of life already lost. Instead, they estimate the number of years that could be lost on average if people were exposed to the pollution levels of a given year over the long term," said Tanushree Ganguly, director, Air Quality Life Index.

"By design, the AQLI tool cannot explain why we are seeing the trends, but what it does is help people identify where impacts of pollution are worsening over time," she told *DH*.

Way back in 1998, before the IT boom, Bengaluru had a PM-2.5 level of 13.1 microgram per cubic meter, but it increased to 26.21 microgram in 2023.

Similar rise has been seen in many other districts including Kalaburagi (26.31), Bidar (25.01) and Belagavi (23.72).

In 2019, India launched its National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) that has been extended to 131 cities. The revised target is 40% reduction in particulate pollution - as compared to the 2017 level - by 2026.

"As of 2023, pollution in the districts with non-attainment cities had declined by 10.5% relative to 2017 (base year for the NCAP) adding six months to the life expectancy of 443.4 million residents, and two months to India's national average life expectancy," the University of Chicago says in a report.

If the ambition of the revised target is met, these cities' overall annual average PM-2.5 exposure would be 21.9 microgram per cubic meter lower than 2017 levels, adding 2.1 years onto the life of the average Indian living in these cities, and 7.9 months to the national average life expectancy.

## Man booked for raping minor daughter in Vijayapura

**VIJAYAPURA, DHNS:** The police have registered a case against a man under the Pocso Act on charges of sexually assaulting his five-year-old daughter.

The mother of the survivor, who works as a maid, lodged a complaint in women's police station alleging that her husband took both their daughters out at 8 pm on August 30 on the pretext of Ganapati darshan. During which, he sexually assaulted the younger daughter.

Meanwhile, the state commission for protection of child rights has decided to take up a suo motu case. "I have issued directions to the personnel of women's police station in Vijayapura to subject the survivor to medical examination and complete all procedures at the earliest. The girl is undergoing treatment is healthy," Shashidhar Kosumbe told reporters.

## Woman ends life after killing child

**UDUPI, DHNS:** A woman ended her life by suicide after killing her one and a half year old daughter at Aroor village on Monday.

The deceased are Sushmitha (35) and her daughter Shreshta. In a suicide note, she reportedly claimed responsibility for her extreme step. SP Hariram Shankar said Sushmita's husband and his family were convicted in an attempt to murder case in 2009. The High Court too had upheld the conviction recently. She might have taken the extreme step following this development, he said.

# I am doing fine, lost weight upon medical advice: Kumaraswamy

RASHMI BELUR
BENGALURU, DHNS

Putting an end to all the speculations, in his first reaction about his health, Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H D Kumaraswamy said there is no cause of concern and he is doing fine.

Speaking to *DH*, Kumaraswamy on Monday said that he has lost weight upon medical advice.

"I am doing fine and there is no cause for concern. I have lost weight on doctors' advice and keeping up with my routine commitments at the Ministry," said Kumaraswamy.

For the last few weeks there were various reports on social media platforms and YouTube channels speculating about Kumaraswamy's health posting some of his recent pictures where he has been seen weak and thin by losing a lot of weight. Kumaraswamy having cardiac-related ailment is a known factor and according to sources close to him, he had some infection which went undetected for a while and even the Delhi weather contributed to it. "After taking charge of the portfolios he had to travel a lot. Even sitting inside the parliament for long hours in the air-conditioned environs caused infection," the source explained.

Kumaraswamy

Meanwhile, clarifying about his father's health, JD(S) Youth leader Nikhil Kumaraswamy while addressing a press meet in Mandya recently said, "It was true that there were small variations in Kumaraswamy's health. But he is doing fine now and no need to worry. There are discussions going on about his health, but due to his parents' blessings and God's grace he has recovered completely. The party workers and people of the state should not worry about his health."

It can be recalled that even in the political circles there were discussions about Kumaraswamy's health for the last few weeks. There were rumours that Kumaraswamy would resign from Union Cabinet due to his health conditions and return to state politics in November.

## SC allows EC to accept SIR...

SIR, From Page 1

The bench also asked political parties to activate themselves in the process. During the hearing, Dwivedi said 99.5% out of 7.24 crore voters had filed their forms. Out of the 65 lakh voters excluded from the draft, only 33,326 individuals and 25 claims through parties have been submitted for inclusion after the August 22 apex court order.

He said that 1,34,738 objections have been filed for exclusion. The counsel said it was strange that political parties are filing objections seeking deletion of voters from the draft list and not any claims for inclusion.

On August 22, the court had ordered that persons who are excluded from the draft electoral roll during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in poll-bound Bihar can submit their applications for inclusion through online mode and that physical submission of forms is not necessary.

## ◆ WEATHER ◆

**Overview:** Rainfall occurred at few places over North Interior and at most places over Coastal Karnataka and South Interior Karnataka
**Forecast Sept 02:** Rainfall to occur at many places over the state.

| INTERIOR NORTH | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stations | Max | Min | Rain |
| Belagavi | 25 | 20.4 | 02 |
| Bidar | 30 | 21 | 00 |
| Vijayapura | 29 | 21.2 | 2.8 |
| Dharwad | 27.6 | 19.8 | 0.4 |
| Haveri | 27 | 20.8 | 01 |
| Kalaburagi | 30.8 | 22.2 | 00 |
| Raichur | 31 | 22 | 00 |
| **COASTAL** | | | |
| Honnavar | 28.4 | 24.3 | 13.6 |
| Karwar | 29.6 | 25 | 11.2 |
| Shirali | NA | NA | NA |
| Mangaluru | 28.7 | 23.4 | 22.5 |

| INTERIOR SOUTH | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stations | Max | Min | Rain |
| Agumbe | NA | NA | 61 |
| Bengaluru | 28 | 20.6 | 3.9 |
| Ballari | NA | NA | NA |
| Chamarajanagar | 29.1 | 21.1 | 1.5 |
| Chikkamagaluru | NA | NA | NA |
| Chitradurga | 27.6 | 20.8 | 01 |
| Davangere | 26.5 | 19.5 | 5.8 |
| Hassan | 26.7 | 20.2 | 00 |
| Mysuru | 29 | 20 | 02 |
| Madikeri | NA | NA | NA |
| Kolar | 30.1 | 20.9 | 00 |
| **OTHER STATIONS** | | | |
| New Delhi | 32.1 | 23.7 | 00 |
| Kolkata | 34.7 | 27.6 | 00 |
| Mumbai | 30.3 | 24.6 | 07 |
| Chennai | 33.1 | 25.4 | 02 |
| Pune | 28.8 | 21.4 | 01 |
| Hyderabad | 29.2 | 22.5 | 0.7 |
| Th'puram | 31.4 | 24.4 | 01 |

## BBMP set to make way...

BBMP, From Page 1

He also said the government will fill technical and non-technical staff positions by identifying those who have worked locally.

The proposal to split BBMP — formed in 2007 — has received mixed reactions. Some believe restructuring will bring municipal governance closer to residents, with government forming 5 corporations, each helmed by a commissioner and elected council. Others say corporations will have limited financial resources to undertake new projects, as a bulk of grants—generally from government—will remain with GBA.

As per an affidavit on civic body poll filed before Supreme Court, government has promised to complete process of drawing ward boundaries by November 1 and notify ward quotas by end of same month.

## Trump claims India has 'offered'...

Trump, From Page 1

The Trump administration has slapped a 50% tariff on Indian goods amid the delay over a bilateral trade deal between the two countries.

"What few people understand is that we do very little business with India, but they do a tremendous amount of business with us. In other words, they sell us massive amounts of goods, their biggest 'client', but we sell them very little," Trump wrote on Truth Social, adding that the trade ties between the two nations had been a totally one-sided relationship for many decades.

"The reason is that India has charged us, until now, such high tariffs, the most of any country, that our businesses are unable to sell into India. It has been a totally one-sided disaster!. Also, India buys most of its oil and military products from Russia, very little from the US," added the American president.

In 2024-25, the bilateral trade in goods stood at USD 131.8 billion (USD 86.5 billion exports and USD 45.3 billion imports). Trump's comment came as he drew flak in the US itself – not only from Democrats but also from his fellow Republicans – for imposing high tariffs on India.

Nikki Haley, who served as the US Permanent Representative to the UN during the Trump 1.0 era, criticised the decision to impose a 25% additional tariff on India for its purchase of oil from Russia, whereas China, which had been buying hydrocarbons from Russia in much larger quantities, had so far been able to avoid sanctions.

Jake Sullivan, who served as the National Security Advisor to Trump's predecessor Joe Biden, said Trump might end up pushing India towards China with his high tariffs.

Even as Trump hit out at India for high tariffs, the US embassy in New Delhi posted in X that the partnership between the two nations would continue to scale new heights.


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ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ I.F.T – KW – 1, 2, 3

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ 2000 ರನ್ವಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-1,2,3 ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. (kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕನಿಷ್ಟ ರೂ. **5.00** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಟ **98.00** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 3054-03-337-0-05-200 ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ 3054-04-337-1-10-200 ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ, 2216, 3054, 2059, 4202 & 5054 ಅಪೆಂಡಿಕ್ಸ್-ಇ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ ಅಡಿ ಬರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

Calander of Events:

| | SC | | ST |
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| 1 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23524 | 1 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23269 |
| 2 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23304 | 2 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24375 |
| 3 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23648 | 3 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23839 |
| 4 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23595 | 4 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24129 |
| 5 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23627 | | CAT-II(A) |
| 6 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24355 | 1 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23272 |
| 7 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24376 | 2 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23275 |
| 8 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23966 | 3 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23592 |
| 9 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23873 | 4 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23660 |
| 10 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24128 | 5 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23658 |
| | CAT-I | 6 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24371 |
| 1 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_25199 | 7 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23871 |
| 2 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24365 | 8 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23963 |
| | | 9 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24352 |
| | GENERAL | | |
| 1 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23276 | 16 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24378 |
| 2 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23274 | 17 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23896 |
| 3 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23713 | 18 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23894 |
| 4 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23273 | 19 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23832 |
| 5 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23779 | 20 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24112 |
| 6 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23553 | 21 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23868 |
| 7 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23551 | 22 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23874 |
| 8 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_27258 | 23 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23967 |
| 9 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23612 | 24 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24114 |
| 10 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23596 | 25 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24130 |
| 11 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23655 | 26 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24207 |
| 12 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_23625 | 27 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24220 |
| 13 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24354 | 28 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24230 |
| 14 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24372 | 29 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24349 |
| 15 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24386 | 30 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_24351 |

1) ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ-ಸಂದೇಹ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **09.09.2025** (ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 12:30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ)
2) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **10.09.2025** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ)
3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **11.09.2025** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ)
4) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **12.09.2025** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ)

Calander of Events:

| GENERAL | | | |
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| 31 | PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_20893/Call-2 | 33 | PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_9798/Call-3 |
| 32 | PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_20865/Call-2 | 34 | PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_19873/Call-2 |
| 35 | PWD/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT23007 | | |

1) ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ-ಸಂದೇಹ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **18.09.2025** (ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 12:30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ)
2) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **19.09.2025** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ)
3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **20.09.2025** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ)
4) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **22.09.2025** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ)

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲ ವಿಳಾಸ http://www.kppp.karnataka,gov.in ದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಲೋಕೊಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

**ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ** : (1) ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಲೋಇ.86 ಆರ್.ಡಿ.ಎಫ್. 2022 ದಿ: 15-11-2023 ರ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಆದೇಶದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ for road Maintenance works Volume 3 10.15 (ii) Page 93 WBM Grade-I with type screening standards to be read as WBM Grade-II with type B screening standards. (2) ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು, ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಪಡೆದ ಜಾತಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. (3) ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ, ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-1 & ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-2ಎ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು, ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 10 ವರ್ಷ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ನಿವಾಸಿಯಾಗಿರಬೇಕು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಪಡೆದ ನಿವಾಸಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. (4) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಫರ್ಮ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ, ಎಲ್ಲ ಪಾರ್ಟನರ್ ಅಥವಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ, ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ, ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-1 & ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-2ಎ ದವರಾಗಿರಬೇಕು.

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ)

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1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕಡೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **15.09.2025ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.**
**2)** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.09.2025ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಅಥವಾ ಮುಂದೆ ಸೂಚಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

| ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ. | ವಿವರ | ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) | ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | DMA/2025-26/IND5310 | 54.75 | 109500 |
| 2 | DMA/2025-26/SE6050 | 73.00 | 146000 |
| 3 | DMA/2024-25/IND4526/CALL-3 | 9.00 | 22500 |
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# Murmu calls for 'innovation with compassion' for welfare of needy

MYSURU, DHNS

President Draupadi Murmu called for 'innovation with compassion' by the agencies concerned for the welfare of the needy in the society and also to become a role model for similar institutions across the globe.

She was speaking at the diamond jubilee celebration of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) in Mysuru on Monday.

Murmu said AIISH should collaborate with other health institutions and also with technology institutions and start-ups to tackle the communication disorder problems among children and adults.

"AIISH should explore technology development in association with other institutions, as over six crore people are affected by speech and hearing impairment in Bharat. AIISH and other institutions are conducting cochlear implantation. However, research and development is needed to reduce its cost. Bharat should become Atmanirbhar in production of cochlear devices," she said.

President Droupadi Murmu releases a souvenir to mark the diamond jubilee celebrations of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing in Mysuru, on Monday. Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah are seen. DH PHOTO

Recalling the contribution of Maharaja Jayachamaraja Wadiyar in the establishment of AIISH in Mysuru with the donation of the land 60 years ago, the President acknowledged the presence of the Maharaja's descendant and Mysore-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, on the occasion.

Stating that she was happy when she presented the National Award to AIISH for its contribution to the welfare of persons with disabilities (PwD) Murmu said AIISH is also an example of women-led development, as it was led by women directors for nearly three decades.

The President said that even though Kannada is not her mother tongue, all languages of Bharat are near to her heart and she respects all languages.

She was responding to a query of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, if she understands Kannada, while starting his speech, as he spoke in Kannada. Murmu said she will try to learn a bit of Kannada.

Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Union Minister of State for Health Anupriya Patel, Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, and AIISH Director M Pushpavathi were present.

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## Vijayendra visits Sowjanya family

**MANGALURU, DHNS:** State BJP president B Y Vijayendra visited the house of Sowjanya, at Pangala in Dharmasthala on Monday. Sowjanya was was sexually assaulted and murdered in 2012.

Vijayendra

Vijayendra held talks with the Sowjanya's mother Kusumavathi. He asked her to file an appeal in the Supreme Court against the verdict given by the CBI court in the Sowjanya rape–murder case.

"The BJP will bear the expenses for it and therefore she need not worry about it We have assured Sowjanya's mother that we are with her," Vijayendra said.

Vijayendra was accompanied by DK MP Capt Brijesh Chowta, Belthangady MLA Harish Poonja and DK BJP president Sathish Kumpala.

# D'sthala Chalo: Modi govt is with you, Joshi tells Heggade

## BJP seeks NIA/CBI probe into 'plot' against temple town

**SUJAY B M**
DHARMASTHALA, DHNS

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi on Monday assured Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Veerendra Heggade that the "Modi government is there" with him in fighting against "conspiracy" amid allegations of 'mass burials' at the temple town.

"I will tell the Khawand (Heggade) that no matter what anyone may say, you have Annappa's blessings, Manjunatha's grace, support of all these devotees, and along with this, Modi's government is there," Joshi said during the Dharmasthala Chalo march by the BJP. BJP workers from many districts flocked to the venue and shouted slogans, such as 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai,' 'Har Har Mahadev,' 'Down with those who conspired against Dharmasthala,' 'Naavella Hindu, Naavella ondu'.

Joshi alleged that there was a "huge conspiracy" to "divide" the Hindu society.

"For the past 30-40 years, despite all efforts, BJP couldn't be repressed in this region. As a result, there's an evil design to suppress Hindutva by questioning temples, places of worship and the conduct of religious leaders. Ever since the country's partition, Congress has been in favour of one section of the society".

Devotees and BJP workers wave saffron shawls during the 'Dharmasthala Chalo' rally organised by the party in Dharmasthala on Monday. DH PHOTO

"Congress has always been conspiring against the majority. A part of that conspiracy is what is happening in Dharmasthala. Their theory is vote bank. In democracy, they say –for the people, by the people, to the people (by the people, of the people, for the people). Theirs (Congress') is for the vote bank, to the vote bank, by the vote bank."

Claiming that the complainant witness/'masked man' was a 'friend' of the Congress, Joshi said the Hindu society should unite against such 'conspiracies'.

BJP state president B Y Vijayendra claimed that the programme "wasn't political," adding that only "self-respecting Hindu" volunteers had attended.

He urged the government to hand over the investigation to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) or Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate the "conspiracy" against Dharmasthala.

However, Vijayendra noted that the family of Sowjanya - a teenager who was allegedly raped and killed in 2012 - should get justice and urged the state government to order a reinvestigation into the case.

MLC Prathap Simha Nayak read out a letter by Veerendra Heggade, where he thanked the gathering for standing behind Dharmasthala.

## Spl probe team takes complainant-witness to resort for mahazar

MANGALURU, DHNS

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) on Monday brought back the complainant-witness to Belthangady. He was taken to a resort located on the Ujire–Charmadi road, where a mahazar was conducted.

SIT sources said the mahazar was carried out after information surfaced that the complainant-witness had stayed at the resort for a day.

Meanwhile, the SIT accepted a fresh petition seeking permission to identify locations connected to the Dharmasthala mass burial case.

The petition, filed by Tukaram Gowda and Purandara of Dharmasthala, was submitted to the SIT. The duo claimed that during discussions with the complainant-witness, they were informed about several sites where bodies were allegedly buried. However, they expressed surprise that the complainant-witness himself had not shown these locations to the investigators.

According to the petitioners, the complainant-witness had chosen isolated spots for burials, and hence they should be permitted to assist in identifying those sites before the SIT.

In the acknowledgement to the petition, SIT investigation officer assured that the details provided would be duly examined.

## AP Guv to help K'taka in temple land dispute: Minister

BENGALURU, DHNS

Muzarai and Transport Minister R Ramalinga Reddy on Monday said that the Governor of Andhra Pradesh (AP), Justice Abdul Nazeer, had assured him of support in helping Karnataka reclaim land in Tirupati that was originally allotted to the state but had since been taken over by the AP government.

After meeting Justice Nazeer at the Kumara Krupa Guest House here, Reddy told reporters that the two engaged in detailed discussions on three key issues involving some of the most revered temples in Andhra Pradesh — Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), Srisailam, and Mantralayam.

Highlighting that Justice Nazeer hails from Karnataka and presently serves as the governor of AP, Reddy said that the visit reflected efforts to strengthen cultural and administrative ties between the two states.

"Our discussions focused on three key issues," Reddy said. "First, the land in Tirupati was originally granted by the kings. Second, 10 acres had been allotted to Karnataka in Srisailam. Third, the Karnataka government has already spent 85 crore on developments related to these land parcels. Now, with the Andhra Pradesh government seeking to reclaim these lands, it is inappropriate. That's why we've requested the governor to intervene and urge the Andhra government to drop its proposal," he added.

The minister added that relevant officials had already been instructed on the matter and assurances had been given regarding a possible resolution.

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## Sudeep unveils details about proposed Vishnuvardhan memorial

**PRANATI A S**
BENGALURU, DHNS

The Vishnuvardhan memorial coming up in Kengeri will be inspired by his character in a hit film, actor Kichcha Sudeep said on Monday.

The foundation stone will be laid on Vishnuvardhan's 75th birth anniversary on September 17, Sudeep told reporters.

Along with a 25-foot statue of the actor, there will be a library and a meditation centre. The design of the memorial is based on his popular song, 'Ee bhoomi bannada buguri' (This world is a colourful spinning top), from 'Mahakshathriya', Sudeep said.

"The fight for the memorial in Abhiman Studio will continue. The government and the law is involved, so we cannot force ourselves into it. But at the same time, as fans we should also do something, and that's why we came up with the idea of building another memorial," he said.

This move comes after Vishnuvardhan's memorial in Abhiman Studio was razed in the middle of the night, as some fans claimed. Sudeep has bought half-an-acre in Kengeri for the new memorial.

A video about the project will be released on Wednesday by the Vishnuvardhan fans' association.

### Green footsteps

On the birth anniversary of his mother Saroja Sanjeev, Sudeep launched an initiative called 'Ammana Hejjege Hasiru Hejje' (a green step to mark mother's footsteps).

The actor has adopted a park in Kumaraswamy Layout and planted a coconut tree. "Anything beautiful reminds me of my mother," he told reporters.

On the work front, the makers of Sudeep's 47th film released the title on Monday evening. Called 'Mark', it is directed by Vijay Kartikeyaa, who directed Sudeep's 'Max', released last year.

## Mattannavar, Thimarody booked for spreading false info to disturb communal harmony

**MANGALURU, DHNS:** The Belthangady police have registered a case against activists Girish Mattannavar and Mahesh Shetty Thimarody for allegedly spreading false information on social media with an intent to disturb communal harmony and hurt religious sentiments.

The complaint was filed by Praveen K R, a resident of Dharmasthala.

He stated that while in Belthangady on August 30, he saw a video on YouTube where Girish Mattannavar was addressing the media along with a person identified as Madan Bugudi.

According to the complaint, Mattannavar and Thimarody had been engaging in activities aimed at disrupting peace and harmony and hurting sentiments.

It was further alleged that the duo had been involving bloggers and other individuals over the past several days to circulate misleading content on social media.

Based on the complaint, Belthangady Police have registered a case under Sections 204, 319(2), 353(2), and 3(5) of the BNS.

## AAI report on second airport within 2 weeks: M B Patil

### 'The pros seem to be in favour of the Kanakapura side'

**ASRA MAVAD**
BENGALURU, DHNS

Industries Minister M B Patil said that the state government was likely to receive a report from the Airport Authority of India (AAI) on the three locations shortlisted for second airport, within next two weeks.

Confirming this to *DH*, Patil said that the AAI had conducted an on-site feasibility study of the three locations — two adjacent land parcels on Kanakapura Road near Harohalli, spanning 4,800 acres and 5,000 acres, and a 5,200-acre area on Kunigal Road near Nelamangala—in April and was scheduled to release the report in mid-July.

As per well-placed AAI sources, the report was submitted to the Ministry of Civil Aviation on June 23, but is yet to be received by the Government of Karnataka, despite the industries minister meeting the Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu to speed up the process.

The ministry is awaiting the environmental clearance to share the report, a senior AAI official told *DH*.

"After inspecting both the locations, Kanakapura and Nelamangala, it was found that both have a problem of waterlogging. This is not something alarming or new, as the entire city of Bengaluru is prone to waterlogging due to the abundance of waterbodies. Additionally, the proximity and elevation of the Bannerghatta Hill are also being taken into consideration," the official said.

After weighing the pros and cons of the three locations provided by the GoK, the pros seem to be in favour of the Kanakapura side, he added.

"The two locations near Kanakapura are being considered as one land parcel, and the huge area, spanning across 9,000 acres, allows for more permutations and combinations to work with. This will add clarity to deal with environmental concerns. But it all depends on the decision of the Environment Ministry," he added.

Once the report is released, the Government of Karnataka will find necessary solutions for all environmental concerns, said Patil.

"We will set up a committee to deal with such concerns, and also rope in a private consultancy firm equipped to deal with a major airport of this nature. Once we receive the report, we will look at all the concerns and prepare our own feasibility and viability reports, and only then choose the location purely based on merit," he added.

## 7, including estate owner, booked under Pocso Act

**MADIKERI, DHNS:** A case has been registered against an estate owner in Kodagu district for allegedly sexually assaulting a minor girl and facilitating her marriage, and six others for their negligence and involvement in the crime, under Pocso Act.

Those booked are Child Development Project Officer, who failed to act despite receiving the girl's complaint; a doctor at the community health centre who did not verify the girl's age at the time of delivery, an associate professor from the Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences, who allegedly issued a false certificate declaring the girl's age as 22–25 years; girl's parents and the relative who married her.

The girl was living with her parents in one of the line houses of the estate owner, who "sexually assaulted" her. She was forced into marriage with her maternal uncle and also gave birth to a child. A complaint in this regard was filed by district child protection unit.

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I, **MINI.T, SUJITHRAN MINI, MINI.S & MINI SUJITHRAN,** W/o Sujithran, residing at No.1158/A, 5th Main, 'A' Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010, declare that the above names pertain to me only. Henceforth I shall be known as **MINI.T** vide affidavit 17.03.2025 before notary M S Ballal, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BATUL BURHANUDDIN,** resident of VH4R+HVG, Emarald Homes, Bohra Colony, Bohra Layout, Gottigere, Bengaluru - 560083 have changed my name to **BATUL NOLI** vide affidavit dated 28-08-2025 before notary L. Puttaraju, Bengaluru. Henceforth I shall be called as **BATUL NOLI** only.

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## KIADB issues land acquisition notices in Devanahalli despite CM's 'denotification' promise

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) has issued notices to farmers in two villages of Devanahalli taluk, a move that directly contradicts Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's public announcement to drop the land acquisition process in the area.

The action has ignited outrage among farmers and activists, who on Monday staged a protest at the KIADB office at Khanija Bhavan and the Special Land Acquisition Officer's office at Aravinda Bhavan, demanding immediate withdrawal of the notices.

The latest conflict centers on 439 acres of land in Hyadala and Gokere Bachenahalli villages, which are slated for acquisition for an industrial project. This comes despite the CM's decision on July 15 to denotify 1,777 acres of land across 13 villages in Channarayapatna hobli, a move that was celebrated by farmers who had been fighting to save their fertile lands for over the last three and a half years.

On August 29, special land acquisition officers from KIADB issued notices to farmers in the two villages, instructing them to attend a price-fixing meeting scheduled for September 6.

Karalli Srinivas, coordinator of the Channarayapatna Land Acquisition Struggle Committee, said "The state government has earned a good name across the country after abandoning this land acquisition. It is not right to issue notices to farmers even after the chief minister's announcement." He sought that a denotification order be issued.

Special Land Acquisition Officer (SLAO) Suraj stated that the final notification for the 439 acres had already been issued. He cited the farmers' meeting with chief minister where it was decided that while the notified lands would generally be dropped, land from farmers who voluntarily came forward to sell would be considered. Suraj claimed that over 78 farmers had given their consent, leading to the issuance of notices.

However, the authenticity of these consents has been questioned. A farmer named Lagumayya from Hyadala village, who owns an acre of land, has filed a complaint alleging that a letter of consent was submitted on his behalf without his knowledge or permission.

KIADB Chief Executive Officer Dr Mahesh acknowledged the farmers' opposition, stating, "I will discuss this with the departmental minister and bring the farmers' opposition to his notice. I will convey to him the demand that the price-fixing meeting be cancelled."

# UGC's draft curriculum based on 'Brahmanical ideology': Thorat

INTERVIEW

Former UGC chairperson **Sukhadeo Thorat**, who headed the State Education Policy Commission (SEP), speaks to **Rashmi Belur** of *DH* on the recommendations made and the new curriculum framework by UGC, which triggered a controversy. Here are the excerpts:

**What is your opinion on the new draft curriculum released by UGC?**
The new (curriculum framework) CF came after the Commission submitted the report in August 2025. However, the Commission was aware that the coming courses in social sciences and sciences would be governed by Indian Knowledge System (IKS) and 'Rootedness in Bharatiya V'. Although National Education Policy (NEP) refers to other religions such as Buddhism, Jainism and Indian Constitution, it mainly draws from Vedic Brahmanical values - Vedas, Upanishads, Gita and Smruti, Shankaracharya and Puranas. Our close examination of the course "Value and Disposition" in CF of NCERT 2023 and course on value education, named "Mulya Prava" by UGC are based on Brahmanical ideology. This goes against Article of 28(1) of Constitution, which reads: "No religious instruction shall be provided in any educational institution". Given the complexity of the meaning of IKY, which we have explained in a note on IKY, we suggested to the government to constitute a committee to look into the whole issue.

**The Commission headed by you had submitted a report on SEP, but the stakeholders are alleging there was no consultation with school representatives and parents?**
The mandate of the commission was to ascertain the views of the stakeholders. The Commission had wide consultations cutting across all sections. In all, the task forces had 43 meetings, in which 2,775 persons participated. Principals of schools were invited and the task force on schools visited select schools and had interactions with students. In some cases, parents also participated.

Sukhadeo Thorat.

"Since the recommendations are clear, there is no reason for delay. If necessary, the government should take the help of the Commission members. It is for the first time such a detailed report based on data and stakeholders opinions' is prepared

**Why was the SEP report not published in public domain?**
The Commission is of the opinion that the report should be placed in public domain as early as possible. But the government will require some time for consideration of the report internally.

**What were your suggestions while submitting the report to the government regarding implementation?**
We provided a plan for implementation by the ministry in a separate chapter named 'Way Forward'. We recommended immediate action in some cases, enactment of regulations in some and setting up of committees to develop action plans in some others.

**The government has asked both higher and primary education departments to review the SEP report before placing it before the Cabinet. Were there any confusions?**
There is a separate volume on policy recommendations, which will help the government decide quickly. However, it is normal practice to discuss the report internally, as acceptance of recommendations involves study of rules, administrative decisions, provision for finances, regulations for setting up new bodies, which the commission has recommended. Some decisions need basic change in policy. Hence, it requires Cabinet and legislature approval. Since the recommendations are clear, there is no reason for delay. If necessary, the government should take the help of the Commission members. It is for the first time such a detailed report based on data and stakeholders opinions' is prepared. So, the government should consider it early.

**How different is your Commission report from NEP?**
Unlike NEP 2020, whose recommendations are mainly based on best practices, intuition and self-wisdom, and are "light and tight," the SEP report is based on deep study of the school and higher education system and has addressed emerging issues. Most of the recommendations are not in line with NEP.

**What are the major recommendations of SEP?**
In school sector, it suggested 2+8+4 pattern, two-language formula, compulsory English class 1 onwards, with bilingual tests, Kannada as medium of instruction up to class 5, no to NCERT curriculum framework, CF not based on Indian knowledge system, discouragement to private institutions, constitutional value education and not religious education, universalisation up to higher secondary level, etc. In higher education, we suggested 3-year UG, rejected 4-year degree and multiple entry-exit, recommended state-level entrance exams for admissions, reservation in private institutions, implementation of constitutional provisions in Article 15(5), etc...

**Don't you think imposing a two-language policy will curtail global exposure for students and their language-learning skills?**
I don't think so. Teaching of English language is made compulsory class 1 onwards to last year of UG, which will enable students to get global exposure.

# Radiologist at district hospital in Ramanagar suspended over 'sex determination test'

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The radiologist of the district government hospital in Ramanagar has been suspended after an investigation revealed that the doctor conducted sex determination tests for pregnant women.

The radiologist, identified as Dr Shashi S L, conducted a sex determination test on Harshitha, a 26-year old mother of two girls and wife of Chennakeshava, a resident of Bengaluru.

Harshitha got in touch with the radiologist through a relative named Lakshmi, via a woman named Sharada, who helped forge 'screening deals'. With Sharada's help, Harshitha was taken to the hospital at 2 pm on August 23 as a normal patient.

The doctor checked Harshitha and her scanning reports and informed her that the child and she were doing well.

Later, Sharada's husband took Rs 19,000 from Lakshmi and informed them it was a girl child. He came to know about this from Dr Shashi.

Harshitha, at the time of the test, was four to five months pregnant. When she found out that she was having another girl child, she visited Danish Polyclinic in Bapuji Nagar in Bengaluru, to get the foetus aborted with another relative named Bhagya.

The doctors in the clinic prescribed abortion pills. After consuming the pills, Harshitha started bleeding profusely and it did not stop.

She was taken to the Banashankari government hospital. From there, the woman was sent to Vani Vilas Hospital due to the complications, where the incident came to light.

The doctors at the obstetrics and gynaecology department at Vani Vilas Hospital found the case to be suspicious and conducted an internal investigation. During the investigation, it was found that two other women, Shivaranjini, 16 weeks pregnant, and Ashiya Banu, nine weeks pregnant, had also undergone abortions.

In the initial investigation, it was clear that Harshitha underwent abortion due to sex determination. Further probe is underway. Dr Shashi was suspended to avoid any kind of tampering with evidence.

# Brahmins now neglected, targeted, says Mahasabha

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha on Monday told the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes that the upcoming Social and Educational Survey must not end up classifying an entire caste as socially backward or forward.

Monday was the last date to submit objections to the Commission.

"It is well known that the choice of birth of a person is completely divine and merely because [one] is born in a system as a Brahmin cannot be the yardstick to declare him/her as socially forward," it said.

"We, Brahmins, who were in the forefront before Independence are now a neglected class. Some Brahmins are reluctant to call themselves Brahmins fearing social wrath (sic)," it said.

The Mahasabha urged the Commission to "understand the plight" of unemployed, physically handicapped, widowed and aged Brahmins.

"Humiliations heaped on Brahmins and atrocities inflicted on them are not something which speaks of equality," it said, adding Brahmins faced "suffocating" discrimination in government service.

"Brahmins were never a ruling class," it said, adding that kingdoms and dynasties of historical importance were Kshatriyas from Suryavamsha, Chandravamsha, Yaduvamsha, Somavamsha, Agnivamsha and so on.

The Mahasabha asked the Commission to remove 'Brahmin Muslims' and 'Brahmin Christians' categories. "A person can either be a Brahmin or a Christian," it said.

## Lingayat sub-groups

The All India Veerashaiva Mahasabha has submitted to the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes a list of 87 "accurate" sub-groups that it wants enumerated during the survey. In its representation, the Mahasabha said there were many homogenous sub-groups with different nomenclatures. It cited 24 examples such as Ambiga Lingayat-Gangamata Lingayat, Navaliga Lingayat-Navi Lingayat, Lingayat Kammara-Kammara Lingayat and so on. It also told the Commission that 20 sub-groups, like Jawali, Pattasali, Kariganiga and Jada Shivachara had been left out.

## Vokkaligas

The Vokkaligara Sangha has told the Commission that all 92 sub-groups of the community must be considered as 'Vokkaliga'. It said that Vokkaliga sub-groups were put under various categories based on backwardness since 1978. It pointed out that the Commission's list of 1,400 castes contained 73 Vokkaliga sub-groups. Another 19 sub-groups must be added, it said.

# Revised medical seat allotment schedule impacts engineering courses

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Medical Counselling Committee's revised schedule for the second round of allotment of medical seats across the country is likely to impact the allotment of engineering seats in Karnataka.

In accordance with the guidelines laid down by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the Karnataka Examinations' Authority (KEA) had come up with a schedule, according to which allotment of engineering seats, and admissions were to be completed by September 15. However, given that the Medical Counselling Committee has selected September 12 as the date for its second round of seat allotment, KEA was impelled to write to AICTE seeking an extension for the completion of allotment of engineering seats.

KEA officials confirmed that the Karnataka Minister for Higher Education wrote to AICTE on August 29 seeking an extension. "We are yet to receive a reply from AICTE," said a senior official.

### Date for paying fees extended

Meanwhile, many students have been unable to pay their fee for courses, including engineering and AYUSH, owing to technical glitches. Taking cognisance of the problem, KEA extended the deadline for paying the fee by one day; students now have till September 3 to pay the fee, while the last date for reporting to their respective college has also been extended to September 4.

KEA officials attributed the technical snags to the load on the server.

"To avoid seat blocking, we made it mandatory for students looking for engineering seats to pay Rs 10,000. Consequently, many of them tried to download challan for making this payment, which led to technical problems for a few hours. But the problem was set right by Monday afternoon," an official said.

# GP president booked for marrying, impregnating minor

**BELAGAVI, DHNS:** The Belagavi police have booked the president of Bassapur Gram Panchayat in Hukkeri taluk, under the Pocso Act, for marrying a minor girl and impregnating her.

According to the FIR, Bhimshi Kalimani had married the girl in November 2023 when she was 15 years old. The girl delivered a baby five months ago.

The incident came to light after a complaint was lodged. The suspect had misled the officials by faking the girl's birth certificate. The police have registered a case against the GP chief.

# Mekedatu project: SC to examine Karnataka's plea on September 23

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to consider a plea by Karnataka highlighting an urgent need to begin construction of the Mekedatu project on September 23.

The state contended that any delay would cause significant escalation in the project's cost, which has already increased from Rs 9,000 crore in 2019 to Rs 14,500 crore in 2023-24.

A bench of Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran decided to examine the plea on a mention made by advocate Nishanth Patil.

The counsel pointed out that the matter was last listed before the court on September 21, 2023, and it was then directed to be listed after two weeks. However, it has not been taken up for hearing since then.

"List on 23.09.2025, high up on the board," the bench said.

The state government filed an application for an early hearing on August 28, stating that the 'Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project' is crucial for alleviating severe water distress and meeting drinking water needs of millions of residents in Bengaluru Metropolitan Region (BMR).

"The project is of vital importance to regulate monthly stipulated releases to Tamil Nadu in a normal year at Biligundlu in accordance with the final order of Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal as modified by the judgment of the Supreme Court on February 16, 2018," the plea said.

It is important to utilise 4.75 tmcft (consumptive use) of water for meeting the drinking water needs of BMR as allocated by this court, the state said.

The plea mentioned the generation of 400 MW of hydro power annually out of flows to be ensured at inter-state border, Biligundlu.

Karnataka also stated that the respondent state TN has filed a miscellaneous application wrongly questioning the proposed project as contrary to the directions of the Supreme Court's judgment of 2018.

"The applications filed by TN are clearly not maintainable. Even otherwise, the project would not cause any injury or damage to downstream interests of T. Rather, the project is in the interest of both states. This is evident from the objects of the proposed project," it said.

The state said there had been continuous pressure from the public by padayatra, etc, to construct the proposed project.

"The public has been stating that there is no legal impediment to start construction. The public has also been saying that the delay in construction will escalate cost. In fact, it has already escalated," it said.

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## Portal to address farmers' problems soon, says minister

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Monday said that his ministry will create a dedicated portal to address farmers' complaints, and also asked his officials to quickly resolve them.

The minister participated in a high-level meeting to review the resolution of complaints received from farmers through call centres and other portals, according to a statement from the ministry.

Chouhan "instructed the officials to create a single dedicated portal for farmers' complaints, suggestions, and other assistance instead of multiple portals, for the convenience of farmers, and to ensure early and proper resolution of problems", said the statement.

While seeking information from officials about the complaints received from farmers, many of which pertained to spurious or substandard fertilisers, seeds, and pesticides, the minister directed them to resolve the issue at the earliest.

## PM likely to visit Mizoram, Manipur on September 13

**AIZAWL, PTI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Mizoram and Manipur on September 13, officials in Aizawl said.

PM Modi will first visit Mizoram to inaugurate the new Bairabi-Sairang railway.

Multiple officials of the Mizoram government said they have received information that from Aizawl, the PM will fly to Manipur, his 1st visit since the ethnic violence broke out in the state in 2023.

However, they said that they are yet to receive the final itinerary of the PM's visit. Officials in Imphal, however, could not confirm the visit.

Mizoram Chief Secretary Khilli Ram Meena on Monday convened a meeting with various departments to review preparedness for the PM's visit.

# SC questions 2014 ruling exempting minority schools from RTE Act

### Says obtaining TET qualification under the law is mandatory, but with exceptions

**ASHISH TRIPATHI**
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Monday doubted the correctness of its 2014 five-judge Constitution bench judgment in the Pramati Educational and Cultural Trust case, which had exempted minority educational institutions — whether aided or unaided and falling under Clause (1) of Article 30 of the Constitution — from the scope of the Right to Education (RTE) Act.

In that ruling, the court had held that the Teachers' Eligibility Test (TET) would not apply to minority institutions.

Considering a batch of cases from Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and others, a bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Manmohan held that Article 30(1) has never been interpreted as granting minority institutions blanket immunity from regulation.

"With respect to unaided minority institutions, the interpretation of Article 30 must be guided by its underlying purpose of preserving the cultural, linguistic, and educational identity of minority communities and promoting their welfare," the bench said.

The court emphasised that the mere admission of a "sprinkling of outsiders" neither defeated the purpose of Article 30 nor diluted or altered the minority character of such institutions.

"Article 30(1), in the context of aided minority institutions, is subject to the mandate of Article 29(2), which expressly prohibits denial of admission to any citizen in institutions maintained by the State or receiving State aid, on grounds of religion, race, caste, language, or any of them. An educational institution maintained by the State or receiving aid out of State funds cannot deny admission on, inter alia, grounds of religion," the bench said.

**Larger bench**

The court referred the matter to the CJI to consider the reference of the questions framed by it to the larger bench. It also declared that obtaining TET qualification under the RTE Act was mandatory.

The court said that all schools must comply with the provisions of the RTE Act, as defined under Section 2(n), except those established and administered by minority communities — whether religious or linguistic — until the reference is finally decided.

In its directions, the bench said that teachers with less than five years of service remaining as of the current date may continue in service until superannuation without qualifying through TET.

"However, if any such teacher aspires for promotion, he will not be considered eligible without having qualified TET," it said.

As for teachers recruited before the RTE Act and having more than five years to retire on superannuation, the apex court declared that they would be under an obligation to qualify the TET within two years from now in order to continue in service.

The court also framed questions for a larger bench, including whether the RTE Act infringed on the rights of minorities guaranteed under Article 30(1).

# Early end to Russia-Ukraine conflict is call of humanity, Modi tells Putin

### Says New Delhi-Moscow ties key for global peace, stability

NEW DELHI, DHNS

An early end to the Russia-Ukraine conflict is the call of humanity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told Russian President Vladimir Putin in Tianjin, northern China, on Monday, and vowed to strengthen the "special and privileged strategic partnership" between the two nations.

The two leaders held a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit.

"Even under the most difficult circumstances, India and Russia have always moved forward together, shoulder to shoulder," Modi told Putin, according to a statement issued by the MEA.

"Our close cooperation matters not only for the peoples of our two countries but also for ensuring global peace, stability and prosperity."

Putin and Modi shared a ride in the Russian President's car from the venue of the summit to the venue of their bilateral meeting. The ride offered them an opportunity for one-to-one talks.

"Regarding the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, we exchange views regularly. We welcome all recent efforts to establish peace and hope that all parties will approach this issue constructively. Ways must be found to bring the conflict to a swift end and to secure peace. This is the call of all humanity," Modi noted during his meeting with Putin.

New Delhi's ties with Washington are under stress after President Donald Trump and his aides accused India of providing Russia with funds to continue the war in Ukraine by continuing to buy oil from it.

Trump has recently announced a 25% tariff on India's exports to the US — in addition to the 25% already imposed — for continuing to import Russian oil despite Western sanctions.

"We have established multi-level cooperation. Trade and economic ties as a whole are showing positive dynamics. Tourist exchanges are growing. We are working in close coordination on the international stage — at the UN, BRICS, the G20, and, of course, the SCO," Putin told Modi.

Trump met Putin in Alaska on August 15 to discuss ways to end the conflict. Trump also met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and leaders from Europe. Putin called Modi on August 18 to apprise him about his meeting with Trump.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin travel in the same car to the destination of their bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit, in Tianjin, China. PTI

**NARENDRA MODI**
Prime Minister

"We exchanged views on regional and global developments, including the peaceful resolution of the conflict in Ukraine. Our Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership remains a vital pillar of regional and global stability.

**VLADIMIR PUTIN**
Russian President

"Russia & India have maintained special friendly and trust-based relations for decades and it is the foundation for the future development of the ties. These relations are entirely above party politics and enjoy the support of the overwhelming majority of our peoples.

Zelenskyy called Modi soon after the PM reached Tianjin.

Zelenskyy said Modi seemed ready to convey the "appropriate signal" to Putin on Monday. His comment signalled that Kiev wanted Modi to insist on a ceasefire.

### India maintains opposition to China's BRI

**India on Monday refused to endorse China's ambitious Belt and Road initiative (BRI), becoming the only country in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) not to support the connectivity project, reports PTI.**

**A declaration unveiled at the end of the SCO summit in this Chinese port city said Russia, Belarus, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan reaffirmed their support to the Chinese connectivity initiative.**

**India has not endorsed the BRI in any previous SCO meetings and summits.**

**The declaration said the eight member nations noted the ongoing work on the joint implementation of this project, including efforts to align the development of the Eurasian Economic Union and the BRI.**

**India has been severely critical of the BRI as the project includes the so-called China-Pakistan Economic Corridor that passes through Pakistan-Occupied-Kashmir.**

## 'Utter failure when culprits walk free': SC restores conviction in Pocso case

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** The Supreme Court on Monday restored conviction and sentence of life term imposed upon two men for repeated rape of a minor girl, observing that the struggle for sensitivity towards offences against women, children and other marginalised groups passes through various phases of evolution, "whereas, the end goal is most desirable, the journey is not always a pleasant one".

A bench allowed the appeal of the father of the girl and set aside the Patna High Court's judgment, saying natural variations, errors, and inconsistencies are not to be elevated to the standard of a reasonable doubt or to hold that the prosecution has failed.

"There is nothing like perfect evidence in a court and in fact, perfection is often suggestive of tutoring and manufacturing of evidence. The availability of evidence as well as the quality of evidence, are not open to judgment on any pre-determined parameters. For these aspects not only depend upon the quality of investigation but also upon the societal circumstances prevalent in the area of crime," the bench said.

They also depend upon the level of awareness, not only of the persons involved in the case but also of the members of the locality who often appear as witnesses, the court added.

"Therefore, the courts must be alive to the state of affairs on the ground and in that backdrop, it must examine whether the inconsistencies and gaps have been properly explained or not," the bench said.

Justice Sharma, who authored the judgment on behalf of the bench, said despite the importance of procedural sanctity, it is always a matter of utter failure for the system as a whole when a culprit, that too of a heinous sexual offence, manages to walk free by entangling the victim in misapplication of procedural rules, without the knowledge of the victim and without any control of the victim.

"The present case presents one such illustration from a place called Piro, District Bhojpur, Bihar," the court said.

The court pointed out that every instance of acquittal of an actual culprit revolts against the sense of security of society and acts as a blot on the criminal justice system.

Setting aside the 2024 verdict of the High Court, the court said that it often comes across cases where loose acquittals are recorded on the basis of minor inconsistencies, contradictions and deficiencies by elevating them to the standard of reasonable doubts.

The court said in the present case, a fairly consistent and creditworthy case of the prosecution has been discarded on what could only be termed as a misapplication of procedure.

Commuters on a waterlogged road in Gurugram. PTI

## 7 killed in Himachal, U'khand landslides

**LUCKNOW,NEW DELHI, DHNS & PTI:** Seven people died in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand in landslides, while flood-hit Punjab received another spell of torrential rain on Monday, leading to the closure of all schools and colleges in the state.

In Jammu and Kashmir, amid heavy rainfall in Katra town, the pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi shrine remained suspended for the seventh consecutive day since a landslide on a yatra route claimed 34 lives last Tuesday.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the Modi government is committed to ensuring the rehabilitation of those affected by recent floods in Jammu and Kashmir, as he undertook a whirlwind tour of the worst-hit area in Jammu.

In Uttarakhand, two persons were killed and four others injured after their vehicle was hit by a heavy boulder in Rudraprayag district.

According to police sources, the vehicle carrying six people was on its way to Gaurikund from Soneprayag when a heavy boulder hurtled down a hill near Munkatiya and fell over it.

Garhwal region Commissioner Vinay Shankar Pandey said the Char Dham and Hemkund Sahib Yatras has been suspended till September 5 as roads were blocked at several places due to landslides.

In Himachal Pradesh, five people were killed in the past 24 hours in separate incidents of landslides in Shimla district as heavy rain pounded several places in the state.

Six trains plying on the Shimla-Kalka track have been cancelled following landslips, and 793 roads, including five national highways, are closed in the state.

Rains also lashed several parts of Punjab, Haryana and the Union Territory Chandigarh on Monday, with Ludhiana logging the highest rainfall of 216.70 mm. Several districts of Punjab are flooded due to incessant rains.

## Intermittent rains lash Delhi

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** The national capital witnessed intermittent rainfall for most of the day on Monday, even as the weather department issued a warning of moderate to heavy downpour over the next two days.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) upgraded its alert for the national capital to orange. The weather department had also urged residents to follow the dos and don'ts for weather conditions.

The Palam airport reported the lowest visibility of 800m at about 3 pm due to an intense spell of rain, the IMD said.

The water level of the Yamuna is above 205.33m and is rising due to continuous heavy rainfall in Delhi for the past few days. Relief camps have been set up and people living close to the river were shifted, said sources.

The IMD said "generally cloudy sky with moderate rain" forecast in New Delhi from August 31 to September 2.

"Thunderstorm with rain forecast has been issued for September 3, whereas "rain or thundershowers" forecast has been issued for September 4 and 5. Till 5.30 pm on Monday, the city's primary weather station at Safdarjung recorded 18.6 mm of rainfall.

# Online Gaming Act to be notified soon: Govt

**AJITH ATHRADY**
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Electronics and IT Secretary S Krishnan on Monday said that the government will notify the Online Gaming Act soon.

"This is something which will come into effect very quickly and we are taking all necessary steps in that regard," he told media persons on the sidelines of an ICEA event on semiconductors.

The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025, passed by Parliament on August 21, bars all forms of online money games while promoting e-sports and other online games. The act has received the President's assent.

The Act will come into effect after it is notified by the government.

Last week, Banks and Fintech firms asked the government for detailed guidelines to implement the provision of the bill and a reasonable time for putting up a system in place to check transactions for the online money games.

Meanwhile, online gaming industry representatives met Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and requested him to address their concerns about the industry mired in uncertainties.

The attendees discussed potential avenues for an orderly transition to the new legislative regime and ways to protect users' money, alongside the promotion of eSports and social games in the country.

The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025, seeks to prohibit advertisements related to online money games and bars banks and financial institutions from transferring funds for any of such games. Advertising of money games can attract imprisonment up to two years and/or a fine up to Rs 50 lakh.

Major online money gaming players have complied with the government's move and voluntarily announced the shutdown of their money-based gaming services. The challenge for the government, however, remains in checking foreign-based online money gaming and betting platforms.

### Two killed as blast triggers fire at Gujarat textile unit

**SURAT, PTI:** At least two workers were killed and 20 others were injured after an explosion triggered a fire at a textile processing unit in Surat district of Gujarat on Monday, officials said.

The condition of two workers is critical.

The incident occurred at Santosh Textile Mill in Jolva village in the afternoon after a chemical drum exploded, said Sub Divisional Magistrate VK Pipaliya.

"The explosion led to a blaze, resulting in the death of two workers on the spot and leaving 20 others injured. They are currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in Surat," Pipaliya told reporters at the site.

He said the cause of the blast cannot be identified immediately.

"Of the 20 workers who were admitted to hospital, two are in critical condition," he said, adding that at least 10 fire tenders rushed to the spot to douse the blaze, which is still raging.

## Muslims following law, culture face no problem: Sarma

**PATHARKANDI, PTI:** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday said Muslims who abide by the law and culture of the country "will face no problem".

Himanta Biswa Sarma

Referring to a Muslim journalist who was present during his interaction with the press on the sidelines of a programme here, Sarma said that when Azharuddin sings in praise of Rabindranath Tagore, "everything in Bharat will become Bharatiya".

"We have been saying that the Muslims who think Bharat is their own are with us. If they are in Bharat, they have to abide by the law and culture of the land. Then there is no problem. You will stay in Barak and listen to the Bangladesh radio, it cannot happen. You should listen to Bharat's radio," he said.

Asked by a scribe about developmental activities in the area, the CM said everything will be taken care of.

CLEAN FUTURE

## 'Energy for 200 years': Kerala explores thorium plant

**ARJUN RAGHUNATH**
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS

Kerala is gearing up to explore the possibility of establishing a thorium-based power plant, making use of the rich thorium deposits found in the state's coastal areas.

In a bid to preempt public resistance, the CPM-led Left Democratic Front government has initiated public discussions and is gathering feedback on the proposed plans.

Kerala Electricity Minister K Krishnankutty said on Monday that the state's coastal regions contain rich thorium deposits, which could be harnessed to produce cheap and clean energy for over 200 years. With thorium-based power plants, Kerala could achieve self-sufficiency in electricity generation.

Top officials from the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) have already visited a reactor developed by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and held discussions regarding the feasibility of setting up a facility in the state. The details of the proposal will be released after approval from the state Cabinet. A policy decision by the ruling front may also be required on the matter.

According to BARC, while India has only limited uranium resources, it has large thorium reserves, particularly in Kerala and Odisha. The beach sands of these states are rich in monazite, which contains 8% to 10% thorium.

Although the KSEB had earlier proposed a nuclear power plant at Cheemeni in Kasargod, it faced strong opposition from various quarters due to safety concerns. As a result, KSEB is now exploring the possibility of thorium-based plants. Unlike uranium, which is conventionally used as nuclear fuel, thorium is considered to be less hazardous.

## Centre misused army to dismantle stage: Mamata

**KOLKATA, PTI:** West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee on Monday accused the Centre of "misusing" the Indian Army to dismantle a stage erected here to protest alleged atrocities on Bengali-speaking migrant workers in BJP-ruled states.

Mamata's reaction came after the army partially dismantled the TMC's stage erected beside the Gandhi statue in the Maidan area in central Kolkata on the grounds that the party had overshot the programme's permission tenure.

"I do not blame the army. This is the BJP's vendetta politics. The double-engine government of the BJP is to be blamed. They are misusing the army. This is unethical, undemocratic, and it's a shame that the BJP has stooped to such levels," Mamata, who rushed to the spot, alleged while speaking to reporters at the partially dismantled structure.

The TMC has been holding sit-ins at the site on Saturdays and Sundays for nearly the past one month.

"The BJP wants to misuse the army for their own purposes. This is a sad message. They do not care about the country's internal issues or its border security. They only care about fighting the Trinamool Congress in Bengal," Mamata claimed.

# BRUHAT BANGALORE MAHANAGARA PALIKE

## Office of the Chief Commissioner, Annex Building-1, BBMP Head office, NR Square, Bengaluru-560002.

**No: BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/1344/2025-26** **FORM-I** **Dated:01.09.2025**

## CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION-2 {Under Sec 14B(4)(i)}

In exercise of powers conferred under section 14-B (4) of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act,1961, the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by The CHIEF COMMISSIONER, BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE for **Formation of Road from Hoodi Railway Station to Kumbena Agrahara via Sadaramangala as per RMP-2015 (18.0m width) Modified Road Alignment from Ch:760.0m to Ch:935.0m.** Whereas in Form-I Corrigendum Notification vide No: BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/894/21-22, Dated:24.08.2021 was notified for the purpose of Formation of Road from Hoodi Railway Station to Kumbena Agrahara via Sadaramangala As per RMP-2015 for a Length of 2.8km is rectified through this notification for the same purpose from Ch:760.0m to Ch:935.0m (Change of Road Alignment) due to technical reasons in execution of work, there is no changes made in properties mentioned in Sl No.1 to 10 and 14 to 43, hence this Corrigendum Notification-2 is being issued. It is hereby informed to the land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose, to appear and submit their claims along with the copies of the relevant documents viz, (i) Sale /Partition / other deeds of title, (ii) Up-to-date RTC's (iii) Mutation Copy (iv) Tax paid receipts (V) conversion order of Non agriculture purpose (vi) Revenue sketch (vii) Akar band etc., in person in the place within thirty days from the date of publication of this notification as indicated in the address below and state their respective interest in such land.

| The place where land owners / interested persons have to appear and submit their claims | Name and address of the Divisional / Sub divisional / branch offices | Date and Time |
|---|---|---|
| The Deputy Commissioner(LAQ & TDR) Room No: 208, 2nd Floor, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, Bangalore-560002. | Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure, Mahadevapura Division, BBMP. | 30 days from the date of Notification. Time : 10.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M |

The land owners / interested parties of the scheduled properties whose lands are to be acquired shall give the consent for Grant of Development Rights to the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike.

The land owners shall receive twice the area of land surrendered in lieu of monetary compensation as DR (Notional land) and two time the building area surrendered as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered divided by the Market value of the land on which the building is constructed. The Notional land can be utilized by factorizing with the market value at the originating plot and receiving plot. The Notional land is eligible for FAR and can be used as additional built up area at the receiving plot as per the terms and conditions prescribed in the Benefit of Development Rights Rules, 2016.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Rights Certificates (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition Officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (LAQ & TDR), BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

### SCHEDULE

"Acquisition of land required for **Formation of Road from Hoodi Railway Station to Kumbena Agrahara via Sadaramangala as per RMP-2015 (18.0m width) Modified Road Alignment from Ch:760.0m to Ch:935.0m.**

| Sl No | Sy No/ Khatha | Type of Land | Nature of Land | | | Dimension of the land / plot and extent in sq.m | Boundaries of the land / plot | | | | Building Details | | | Present activity on Land/ Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory, apartment individual house etc., | Market (guidelines) value of the land per Sqm | | | Name and address of the owner of as per RTC/Plan Sanction details/DRC already issued |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Vacant/ Built up | Agriculture | Converted Undeveloped | Approved layout / developed land Building Site | Extent | North | South | East | West | Extent in Sqm | Type of Construction and No. of Floors | Floor area Ratio | | Agriculture/B-Khatha | Converted Undeveloped | A Khatha, Developed Site | |
| Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban.** Name of the Taluk: **Bangalore East.** Name of the Village: **Hoodi** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 109 | Vacant Land | - | | | 864.62 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Vinod Kumar |
| 2 | 108 | Vacant Land | - | | | 2375.04 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | V Krishnappa S/o T Venkatappa & S A Rasheed S/o Late Abdul Jaheer |
| 3 | 106/2A | Vacant Land | - | | | 317.82 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Rajeshwari C |
| 4 | 106/2B | Building | - | | | 84.40 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Anayyappa S/o Kallappa & Others |
| 5 | 107/1A | Building | - | | | 881.06 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Rajeshwari C |
| 6 | 107/1B | AC Sheet | - | | | 882.24 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Anayyappa S/o Kallappa & Others |
| 7 | 107/2 | Vacant Land | - | | | 1558.84 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | H N Gopala Gowda |
| 8 | 107/3 | Vacant Land | - | | | 513.57 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | H S Manjunath |
| Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban.** Name of the Taluk: **Bangalore East.** Name of the Village: **Sadaramangala** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 67 | Vacant Land | - | | | 1192.14 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | K G Prameela W/o D C Thammanna |
| 10 | 64 | Vacant Land | - | | | 1707.63 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Govt Property |
| 11 | Sy No.59 | Vacant | - | | | 2016.51 | Remaining Portion of Sy No.59 | Remaining Portion of Sy No.59 | Sy No.58 | Remaining Portion of Sy No.59 | - | - | - | - | 17,297/- | 33,600/- | 48,000/- | K.I.A.D.B, Railway Property, K.A Manjunath, and A.Damodhar |
| 12 | Sy No.58 | Vacant | - | | | 4256.67 | Remaining Portion of Sy No.58 | Remaining Portion of Sy No.58 | Sy No.57 | Sy No.59 | - | - | - | - | 17,297/- | 33,600/- | 48,000/- | Ammayyamma, KEB, D.Ravikumar, Yallamma, L.H Anandha, Chinnamma, H.R Srinivas, H.T Ravindrareddy, Dhanush H.S, Venkatesha and Shyamanna |
| 13 | Sy No.57 | Vacant | - | | | 507.05 | Remaining Portion of Sy No.57 | Remaining Portion of Sy No.57 | Remaining Portion of Sy No.57 | Sy No.58 | - | - | - | - | 17,297/- | 33,600/- | 48,000/- | Chinnamma, H.L Shamanna, H.L Anandha, Shamanna, Venkatesha and D.Ravikumar |
| 14 | 56 | Vacant Land | - | | | 3325.92 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Huliyappa S/o Late Ganganna, H L Anand S/o P Lakshman & Others |
| 15 | 52/2 | Vacant Land | - | | | 1388.39 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Ramanjaneya S/o Chinnappa , Lashmipathy S/o Late Krishnappa , Frazan sha S/o Mohamad Sha |
| 16 | 52/1 | Vacant Land | - | | | 3624.20 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Shivashankar , Marry Ventures, Hemanth Kumar, S K Venkatesh & Others |
| 17 | 50/1 | Vacant Land | - | | | 2160.32 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Rammohan Reddy, Ravi Narayana Reddy |
| 18 | 50/2 | Vacant Land | - | | | 2679.82 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Raja Narayana Reddy S/o Hanuma Reddy |
| 19 | 82 | Vacant Land | - | | | 1158.02 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Raja Narayana Reddy S/o Hanuma Reddy, Gowramma W/o S K Venkatesh, V Hanumappa, V Kiran Kumar, V Govinda Raju, Susheelamma, S K Mahadesh, Kaveerappa, Rangappa, S M Gaviyappa & Others |
| 20 | Gramatana | Buildings | - | | | 2193.49 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Mangaraju, Muniyappa, Kenchappa, Puttamma, Geetha, Snnappa, Rajappa, Gowramma,Narayanamma, Krishna Reddy, Puttappa, Nagappa, Asha, Sarojamma, Puttamma W/o Late Muniswamy, GowrammaW/o Krishnappa & Others |
| 21 | 1/3 | Buildings | - | | | 3888.66 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Jayamma W/o Late Muniyappa, Banumathi W/o Ranganath, Mangamma W/o Muniswamy, Prabakar S/o Krishnapp, Vijay Kumar S/o Muninarappa, Amaiyamma, Chandra Reddy, Srinivas Reddy & Others |
| 22 | 1/4 | Vacant Land | - | | | 145.81 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Anjaneyalu, B Jayaram Naidu, B Narashima Rao |
| 23 | 1/3 | AC Sheets Building | - | | | 145.81 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | S J Prashanth (Site No 36) GPA Holder A Nageshwar Rao |
| 24 | 1/3 | AC Sheets Building | - | | | 353.11 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | S J Prashanth (Site No 35) GPA Holder A Nageshwar Rao |
| 25 | 1/3 | Vacant Land | - | | | 270.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Bhat (Site No 34) |
| 26 | 1/3 | Vacant Land | - | | | 60.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Sathi (Site No 33) |
| 27 | 1/3 | Vacant Land | - | | | 90.56 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Smt Annapoorna (Site No 26) |
| 28 | 1/3 | Vacant Land | - | | | 239.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Attaluri Balamuri Krishna (Site No 25) |
| 29 | 1/3 | Vacant Land | - | | | 222.96 | | | | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | D Madhusudan Rao (Site No 24) GPA Holder N Padma |
| 30 | 1/3 & 2/4 | Vacant Land | - | | | 111.48 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | D Madhusudan Rao (Site No 23) GPA Holder N Padma |
| 31 | 2/4 | AC Sheet Building | - | | | 111.48 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | A Radha Krishna (Site No 17) GPA Holder A Nageshwar Rao |
| 32 | 2/4 | Vacant Land | - | | | 222.96 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | N Srinivas (Site No 16) |
| 33 | 2/4 | Vacant Land | - | | | 111.48 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Sandeep Burman (Site No 15) |
| 34 | 2/4 | Vacant Land | - | | | 111.48 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Senthil (Site No 14) |
| 35 | 2/4 | Vacant Land | - | | | 111.48 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Mani (Site No 07) |
| 36 | 2/4 | Vacant Land | - | | | 111.48 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | S Balakrishna Praksh (Site No 06) |
| 37 | 2/4 | AC Sheet Building | - | | | 111.48 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Raghunath Reddy (Site No 05) |
| 38 | 2/4 | Vacant Land | - | | | 111.48 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Seetharam (Site No 04) |
| Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban.** Name of the Taluk: **Bangalore East.** Name of the Village: **Kumbena Agrahara** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 39 | 37/1 | Vacant Land | - | | | 1899.61 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Ramanjaneya & Others |
| 40 | 37/2 | Vacant Land | - | | | 501.02 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Ramanjaneya & Others |
| 41 | 36 | Vacant Land | - | | | 669.61 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Umra Developers (Yousef Shariff) |
| 42 | 175 | Vacant Land | - | | | 1359.23 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Deendayal, Ashok Kumar, Sharvanna, G Nirmala & Others |
| 43 | 172 | Vacant Land | - | | | 2203.87 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Mahaveer willet Apartment |
| **Total extent in Sq.m** | | | | | | **46,851.80** | | | | | | | | | | | | |

**Note:**

- **The Market value of Land will be considered as Agricultural, Undeveloped & Developed Residential and Commercial Property, subject of production of documents & payment of statuary fees as per Government Order No:NaAaE 137 MNU 2024 (E), Date:09.09.2024 and BBMP Circular No:Aayuktharu/PSR/G/1802/2024-25, Date:21.09.2024 from the Land Owners.**
- **The Building extent shall be verified at the time of Form-III Public Notice stage based on the Building Valuation and Benefits of Development Rights Rules, 2016.**

**Sd/-**
**Chief Commissioner**
**Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike**

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# India, China and a new power huddle

There is a tide in the affairs of nations as well. India has tried to take it as it serves, as seen in its new bonhomie with China in Tianjin in the last few days. It is still at the stage of handshakes between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping, and the tide has been forced by a churn set off by US President Donald Trump's tariff war. The relationship between India and China has been touted as ancient and civilisational, but modern-day ties have been strained. The Galwan Valley clashes, China's support for Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, and its campaigns against India on world forums are well known. However, there has been co-operation and mutual support in areas such as climate change negotiations. The attempt at mending fences may have started before the Trump push, perhaps at the BRICS summit at Kazan last year, when there was acknowledgement that the world's most populous countries and major economic powers need to maintain better relations.

The two leaders have sent out signals that they looked forward to co-operation and better mutual understanding. Modi said India wanted to strengthen relations with China and Xi said he saw the two countries as partners, not rivals, and thought it was the 'right choice' for them to work together. Both countries have pledged to expand trade and investment cooperation, a key factor that facilitated the reset in the relationship. A strengthening of the India-China ties can reorder global power equations. With Russia in this mix, the world order may see a major shift.

**Ambitions may be in conflict but a Russia-backed power shift can alter the world order**

To be aligned to a bloc, however, is not in India's agenda or interest. Its outreach to Beijing should be tactical, and informed by the differences and convergences with China. There is much that can be gained from cooperation, especially in the present geopolitical circumstances. Chinese investments can ease the impact of high US tariffs. But both countries have a long-standing border dispute. China has a big trade surplus with India. There could be conflict of interest involving the two ambitious powers in many areas and in China's friendship with Pakistan. India should therefore be on its guard. Its engagement with China must be guided by optimism marked with caution. It has in the past suffered from personalising its relations with other countries. That should be a lesson for the future. Beyond personal, leadership-level equations, international and bilateral ties are determined by national interests, which are never static.

# Dasara: Pluralism must take precedence

The controversy over writer Banu Mushtaq being chosen to inaugurate this year's Mysuru Dasara is both unnecessary and misplaced. Mushtaq, who recently became the first Kannadiga to win the International Booker for her acclaimed collection of stories, *Heart Lamp*, has brought global recognition to Kannada literature. The invitation is an acknowledgement of her contribution to the language and culture, not her religious identity. The objections, mainly from the BJP, stem from a past comment where she questioned the portrayal of Kannada as Goddess Bhuvaneshwari, which she felt was exclusionary to minorities. But the underlying resistance appears rooted in her being Muslim, with some even questioning her reverence for Goddess Chamundeshwari. Such arguments are flawed and unfounded.

History itself exposes this hypocrisy. Renowned poet K S Nissar Ahmed has inaugurated the festival earlier. The tradition of inclusivity runs even deeper. Historical accounts confirm that both Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan, who ruled Mysuru, continued Dasara celebrations, recognising their cultural significance. After the Wadiyars were restored to power following Tipu's death in 1799, the festival evolved into its present form and continued to retain its ethos of inclusivity. During the princely state era, Diwan Mirza Ismail played an important part in the festivities under Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV. To this day, Dasara elephants are taken to the Imam Dargah before the procession, while Muslims traditionally assist in mounting the golden howdah. To inject sectarian politics into an event that has historically symbolised harmony is an affront to the Mysuru Maharajas, who nurtured secular traditions.

**Assertions over faith cannot be allowed to diminish the festival's tradition of inclusivity**

The demand that Mushtaq prove her belief in idol worship or Sanatana Dharma is absurd. Hinduism itself allows space for atheists and non-believers. Reformers like Dayananda Saraswati, who founded Arya Samaj, opposed idol worship, yet remained deeply rooted in Hinduism. By the same logic, one does not affirm faith in Islam by laying a ceremonial *chadar* at the Ajmer Sharif dargah. Respecting another's tradition does not require abandoning one's own. Despite the Hindu rituals, Dasara is not a private religious event. It is a State function, funded by the taxpayers, and celebrated as *nada habba*, the festival of the land. Mushtaq has been invited not because of her community, but because of her literary excellence. The legacy of Mysuru is one of openness and plural values. Politicians across the spectrum, including those from the ruling Congress, must refrain from irresponsible statements. Let Dasara remain what it always has been – a symbol of unity, diversity and cultural pride.

CLOCK-HOUR CLASSES

# Faculty vacancies blunt India's global edge

Teacher shortage in higher education is leading to poor learning outcomes and misaligned workforce skills

**AJIT RANADE**

In response to a petition, the Supreme Court recently expressed dismay at the low salary paid to contractual teachers in certain Gujarat colleges. The bench said, "It is disturbing that assistant professors are getting monthly emoluments of Rs 30,000. It is high time that the State takes up the issue and rationalises the pay structure on the basis of functions that they perform." The pay of the contractual assistant professors has not changed since 2012. But those appointed on a regular basis for similar academic duties are paid between Rs 1.2 and 1.4 lakh per month, i.e. four times more. This violates the principle of equal pay for equal work in the same organisation. The contractual faculty also have no corresponding benefits like health, earned leave or pension, which the regular faculty get. The court said that it is not enough to recite *gururbrahma gururvishnu gururdevo maheshwarah* (prayer and adoration of teachers) at public functions if the country was treating its teachers thus. Academicians, lecturers, and professors are the country's intellectual backbone and they shape young minds.

But one-fourth pay for similar work to contractual teachers is not the only story of disparity. The more lamentable situation is the employing of part-time teachers, euphemistically called on clock-hour basis (CHB). When universities and colleges have sanctioned positions but do not get approvals to fill those positions as regular appointments, they resort to appointing faculty on CHB. According to data from July this year, 26% of the total 18,951 sanctioned faculty posts in 46 Central universities are vacant. The situation in the state universities is much worse. In Rajasthan, 1,597 of the 2,512 sanctioned posts are vacant across 16 universities. Of these, five state universities are reported to be operating without a single permanent faculty member. In Maharashtra, colleges and universities are heavily reliant on CHB teachers because recruitment has lagged. Of the 53,178 sanctioned positions, nearly 7,000 remain vacant. More than 60% of the teaching posts lie vacant in at least five of the 11 traditional state universities in Maharashtra. These include the universities of Mumbai, Pune, and Kolhapur. CHB teachers are paid a measly Rs 400 to 800 per lecture, with a maximum of 30 lectures a month, with no health insurance, pension or leave benefits. There is no job security as they face annual re-appointments and unpredictable workloads.

The General Secretary of the Bombay University and College Teachers' Union has warned, "By normalising CHB positions, the government is casualising higher education... a CHB teacher's job is akin to that of a daily-wage worker." One side-effect is that private universities will proliferate, which in itself may not be a bad

thing, unless their regulation is lax. With limited state regulatory capacity and oversight, the situation can also become desperate for the faculty in private colleges.

The growing reliance on underpaid, undertrained, and insecure faculty has lowered incentives for long-term academic investment, research, and mentoring. In many colleges, permanent faculty focus on administrative roles, while day-to-day teaching is left to CHB instructors juggling multiple colleges. The teacher shortage crisis is compounded by a collapse of trust in government-run education.

### Shaky public education

Not surprisingly, there is an exodus of students to private colleges and universities. This can also be seen in the emptying out of government schools. In urban India, over 30% students attend government schools, as per a recent CMS survey. This survey also reports that in affluent neighbourhoods, municipal schools operate with single-digit enrolments. Nearly 54% of urban enrolments are in unaided schools. This shift has resulted in underutilised public infrastructure, while municipal budgets continue to fund half-empty schools. For instance, in the recent July frenzy for admissions to junior colleges across Maharashtra, it was revealed that there were 300 colleges, fully funded by the State, that received zero applicants. These colleges receive grants for staff and faculty salaries but have no students. There is suspicion that this state of affairs has been going on for quite some time. It was shocking enough for the Bombay High Court to take *suo motu* cognisance and initiate legal proceedings.

The weak public education system has fuelled a booming shadow schooling economy, with one in three students nationally taking private coaching. In urban areas, 98% of private unaided school students pay for coaching. The combined effects of teacher shortages, contractualisation, and parallel schooling are devastating for India's long-term competitiveness. It leads to poor learning outcomes and misaligned workforce skills, because curricula lag hopelessly. No wonder that of the college-educated youth in the 24-29 age group, the unemployment rate is more than 30%. Graduates are unable to secure employment – a paradox hidden in the promise of higher education. For instance, in the Generative AI (GenAI) sector, only one qualified engineer exists for every 10 open positions, as per TeamLease Digital. The electronic manufacturing sector, especially smartphone production, lacks both blue-collar workers and skilled engineers, putting the Make in India momentum at risk.

The way forward is clear. An aggressive mission to fill all teacher vacancies with full-time appointments, professionalising the CHB positions and enforcing the principle of equal pay for equal work, investing in teacher training and updating the curriculum to be future-oriented, and rebuilding trust in public schools, colleges and universities.

The Supreme Court's warning is timely: a society that treats its teachers as expendable "daily wagers" cannot build a knowledge economy. India's aspirations, whether a $5-trillion economy, a global innovation hub, or a skills superpower, ultimately rest on fixing its education foundations. Investing in educators is investing in the future. Without urgent reforms, the combined weight of teacher shortages, contractualisation, and inequality will deepen the divide between privileged learners and those left behind, risking India's demographic dividend and long-term growth.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

# A journey, interrupted

The detours often teach you more than the destination

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The train to Chennai wheezed to a halt somewhere near Jolarpettai, and no one knew what was going on. We overheard a video playing about a fire on the tracks a few stations ahead of our current location. It was doubtful that it would be contained soon, as it was an oil tanker goods train that had caught fire. Clearly, this train was not going anywhere, at least not that day.

With no intimations from the railway officials, we had to take matters into our own hands and decide whether to stay on the train or look for alternative options to reach our destination. A couple of fellow passengers and I discussed and decided to alight and find other ways to Chennai.

As we made our way to the exit, we overheard a girl saying, "Thank God, Mom packed a lot of theplas," while pulling out a massive tiffin box. Another young boy was live-streaming the scene. An elderly gentleman offered some sage advice: "Face the train while placing your feet on the metal steps when getting down." We followed his advice and hopped off the train, sans the usual soundtrack (which typically plays in the background in movies), but with a few bruises. I had to return to the train to retrieve my backpack, which I had left behind in the chaos. This time, I got off without my shawl, which had got stuck in the tracks.

As I navigated the adjacent track, I was reminded of sandboarding videos posted by people visiting Dubai. The crushed stones of the train ballast were treacherous to climb, and I slipped down a couple of times – they should make a sport out of this one!

Eventually, I made it up to the platform, and we set out to find some mode of transport to take us to a bus stop. We spotted a share auto by the roadside with four passengers already inside, one carrying a blender on her lap and another with a box of books on his knee. The driver made room for us, prompted by a nice lady. They dropped us off at a dusty bus station.

There, we found a bus waiting to depart two hours closer to our destination. Although there were more mosquitoes than passengers inside, I learnt to dance to the music playing on the bus to shoo the flying occupants off my feet.

The next leg of our journey was more comfortable, as we boarded an air-conditioned bus and finally managed to catch some sleep for an hour or so. This was where our unexpected adventure came to an end, and we parted ways. We had begun as strangers, but now we were part of each other's memories.

Sweaty and exhausted, I summoned an Uber and finally reached home, where I was greeted like a returning warrior.

Five hours late, but I realised that life doesn't always stick to a timetable, and the detours often teach you more than the destination.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Judge's dissent has merit

Apropos 'Judge's dissent signals need for transparency' (Sept 1), the impartiality of the Collegium System--in place since 1993-- has been a subject of intense debate, as it prevents executive and political interference, which, according to one view, tends to maintain balance and transparency. However, there is a counterview that the system lacks transparency. This has come into sharp focus with Justice Nagarathna's dissent against the Supreme Court Collegium's decision to nominate Patna High Court Chief Justice Vipul Pancholi to the apex court, and the prospect of him becoming the next Chief Justice of India. Justice Nagarathna reportedly pointed out that this would lead to bypassing the seniority of many senior judges in the High Courts. In fact, when Judge Pancholi's candidature was considered in May, two judges in the collegium expressed concerns over his lack of seniority. Moreover, with only one woman judge, merit, diversity, and representation are crucial factors in appointment, which appear to have been overlooked.
**H R Bapu Satyanarayana**, Mysuru

## Will Pak back off?

It is good news that at the SCO meet, member nations endorsed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's views on terrorism and disapproved of Pakistan's role in Pahalgam terror. This is definitely an embarrassing moment for Pakistan, which is also an SCO member nation. India has gained another victory over Pakistan in this matter. It is to be seen if India's renewed ties with China will impact the latter's support for Pakistan. It is important for member nations to discourage Pakistan from taking anti-India action like cross-border terrorism.
**V S Ganeshan**, Bengaluru

## Modi and Manipur

I refer to 'Modi will visit Manipur...' (Sept 1). It is disheartening to note that the Prime Minister is only now contemplating visiting Manipur two years and four months after the violence erupted. While the PM has been touring the world to build international ties, the plight of the people in Manipur has been ignored. He should have visited Manipur, not in response to pressure from the Opposition, but out of his own volition.
**Albert T Haokip**, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT

I will tell the Khawand (Veerendra Heggade, Dharmadhikari of Dharmasthala) that no matter what anyone may say, you have Annappa's blessings, Manjunatha's grace, support of all these devotees, and along with this, Modi's government is there.

**Pralhad Joshi**, Union Minister

One of the risks of a public trial is a public verdict.
**Susan Estrich**

TO BE PRECISE

IN PERSPECTIVE

# Ethanol leap: Progress or pitfall?

Potential for gains from emission cuts and savings must be tempered with caution on food security risks and tech gaps

**GARIMA MALU**

India has recently crossed a milestone in its clean energy journey: the nationwide rollout of E20 fuel (petrol blended with 20% ethanol). Ethanol blending is claimed to reduce carbon emissions, save foreign exchange, and boost rural incomes. Yet, the transition has not been without friction. Consumers have voiced their outrage over reduced mileage, engine compatibility, etc. But as India accelerates towards its ambitious target of E30 by 2030, critical questions arise: Will rapid blending bring environmental gains without economic distortions? Can India balance fuel security with food security?

The rationale behind blending ethanol with petrol is that it reduces the use of fossil fuels and lowers greenhouse gas emissions. Ethanol is produced mainly from sugarcane, corn, and other biomass. Unlike fossil fuels, it burns cleaner, reducing carbon monoxide and particulate matter.

India imports 85% of its crude requirement, with the oil import bill at about $137 billion in FY 2024-25. A successful ethanol programme can help reduce this dependence. According to government estimates, E20 could save India $4 billion annually in import costs, besides substantially cutting carbon dioxide emissions.

Ethanol blending in India has seen gradual increase in the beginning due to supply bottlenecks and pricing issues. After the initial constraints, the programme has seen a fast-paced increase in blending rates, mostly ahead of the planned schedule. From a blending rate of 1.5% in Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2013-14 to 10% in ESY 2021-22 and now, the nationwide implementation of 20% blending rate in August, 2025, the government has shown intent in transitioning to a higher blended fuel.

One of the key advantages of ethanol blending is its ability to lower carbon emissions. Studies show that ethanol is less carbon-intensive than petrol, though the extent of emissions depends heavily on the choice of feedstock. In India's case, sugarcane-based ethanol is the dominant feedstock. This ethanol does deliver significant carbon savings but its cultivation is highly water-intensive, leading to higher extraction of groundwater. Corn-based ethanol has lesser carbon savings especially if the cultivation is fertiliser-intensive. Second-generation ethanol made from agriculture residues has the cleanest emission profile, but India is still far from scaling it up commercially. A study estimated that E20 blending could help India avoid nearly 10 million tonnes of CO each year. Still, the environmental dividend must be balanced against hidden costs such as groundwater depletion and soil erosion.

Ethanol blending has direct rural benefits. The government projects that ethanol demand will grow from 500 crore litres in 2022 to over 1,500 crore litres by 2030. This creates a steady market for sugarcane and corn farmers and provides them income security. However, rapid expansion also risks economic distortions. Diverting food grains to ethanol could tighten supply and push up prices, leading to food inflation. Subsidies, incentives, and soft loans for ethanol distilleries imply a fiscal burden, raising questions about the long-term financial sustainability of the programme.

### Green, with conditions

Globally, ethanol blending is not new. Brazil, the pioneer, runs on ethanol flex-fuel vehicles (roughly 85% of vehicle sales) that can operate on blends of up to 100% ethanol. Its blending rate has long been around 25-27%. The United States relies mainly on corn-based ethanol with an average blending rate of 10% (since 2005), though E15 and E85 options exist in some states. The European Union promotes biofuels under its renewable energy directive, but blending levels remain below 10% in many member states due to land-use concerns.

India's E20 achievement is remarkable when seen against this backdrop. However, global experience also offers cautionary tales. It shows moving beyond modest blending levels is never easy. Brazil, despite being the ethanol pioneer, has often had to adjust its blending mandate downwards in years of poor sugarcane harvests. In the US, higher blends like E15 and E85 have struggled with limited infrastructure and consumer acceptance, as many existing vehicles and fuel stations were not compatible. The EU has faced resistance, with concerns that greater biofuel use might accelerate deforestation or compromise food security.

The programme promises reduced emissions, foreign exchange savings, and farmer incomes. But the road to E30 by 2030 is filled with challenges: food security risks, water stress, fiscal costs, and technological gaps. For ethanol blending to truly deliver, India must prioritise sustainability, diversify feedstocks, and align fuel policy with broader climate goals. The adoption of higher blending fuel requires a phased rollout, with consumer safeguards and visible pricing advantage. Otherwise, the "green fuel" may create new trade-offs while addressing old challenges.

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# Why India needs family physicians in the age of point-of-care diagnostics

SWETAVALLI RAGHAVAN

Point-of-care devices have quietly entered Indian households. Glucometers for diabetes, pulse oximeters from the Covid years, home pregnancy kits, and digital blood pressure monitors are now commonplace. These devices, designed to provide rapid results at or near the site of care, can be invaluable when used properly. They reduce diagnostic delays, help patients track chronic conditions, and extend healthcare to areas far from laboratories and hospitals. India's point-of-care diagnostics market is projected to grow from $1.41 billion in FY 2024 to $2.71 billion by FY 2032, driven by chronic disease, innovation, and rising demand for home healthcare.

Yet their promise is overshadowed by a worrying pattern of self-medication. Studies show that individuals are bypassing doctors and making treatment decisions based solely on these readings. A 2016 cross-sectional study in Chennai reported that 64% of adults with diabetes using home glucometers admitted to adjusting their anti-diabetic medicines on their own. During the Covid-19 pandemic, a survey in urban South India found that 92% of patients in home isolation used a pulse oximeter, with almost 30% self-medicating with antibiotics or ivermectin. National surveys on abortion show a parallel trend: home pregnancy kits, combined with self-procured pills, are enabling large-scale self-managed abortions, with the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5 documenting this across 724,115 women. These are not isolated cases but part of a wider drift towards device-driven autonomy without adequate medical oversight.

The dangers of such behaviour are clear. Numbers without context can mislead: a high glucose reading may reflect a recent meal rather than poor control, and an unsupervised increase in dosage can trigger life-threatening hypoglycaemia. A negative rapid antigen test may give false reassurance, while a faint positive pregnancy test without clinical confirmation can lead to unsafe choices. Most damaging is the misuse of antibiotics. Treating oneself based on a urine dipstick or guesswork about infection fuels antimicrobial resistance (AMR), already a major public health threat in India. What begins as convenience accumulates into a collective hazard.

Why then do people persist? The reasons are familiar: long queues, high costs, hurried consultations and limited trust in the system. For many, especially the urban middle class, it often feels faster and cheaper to rely on the device at home than on the overburdened physician across town. Pharmacies supply antibiotics without prescription, reinforcing the habit. In rural settings, where doctors are scarce, devices may be the only option.

This behaviour also reflects a deeper structural crisis: the disappearance of the family physician. Until a few decades ago, most neighbourhoods in India had a general practitioner who knew families across generations and acted as the first filter for everything from fevers to chronic ailments. That institution is collapsing. Current data show the average family physician is over 65, with few younger doctors stepping in. A 2025 national survey found only 48% of trained family physicians working in primary care, mostly in the private sector. The revised Competency-Based Medical Education Guidelines for 2024, which shape the MBBS curricula, do not mention "general practice" or recognise "family medicine" as a speciality. Meanwhile, graduates pursue specialist qualifications, with a multi-state survey confirming that general practice is no longer seen as a viable career path.

The costs of this shift are profound. With few family physicians, patients are left with two options: self-care with devices or direct specialist care. Over-dependence on specialists skews the system: cardiologists are occupied with routine hypertension, gynaecologists with minor urinary infections, and neurologists with primary headaches. The result is soaring healthcare costs, overcrowded tertiary hospitals, and fragmented care. The family physician once provided continuity in tracking histories, holistic advice, and coordinated referrals. Without them, patients shuttle between specialists, carrying inconsistent records and receiving disjointed instructions. Devices fill part of this vacuum but, without interpretation, amplify confusion.

The solution is not to roll back devices but to integrate them responsibly into a stronger primary care system. Family physicians and general practitioners must be revived as the anchors of healthcare. Medical curricula should explicitly include family medicine, not erase it. Government incentives, such as higher pay scales, subsidised clinic spaces, or rural service credits, could make general practice attractive for young graduates. For practitioners, the message is to embrace point-of-care devices as adjuncts, training patients in their use but insisting on professional interpretation. For the public, the principle must be clear: devices are guides, not verdicts; they should prompt a consultation, not replace it. Pharmacists too must be brought into the fold, regulated to discourage casual sales of antibiotics.

India has the chance to chart a new balance: leverage the accessibility of point-of-care technology while rebuilding the dwindling cadre of family physicians. If it fails, it risks a health culture where patients drift between machines and specialists, with no one to provide continuity, context, or trust. If it succeeds, it can create a modern system where the family doctor of old returns, this time with digital tools in hand, blending technology with judgement. In the end, devices can give us numbers, but only doctors, with their training and experience, can give those numbers meaning.

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## Authoritarians have long feared and suppressed science as a rival for social influence. Experts see President Trump as borrowing some of their tactics

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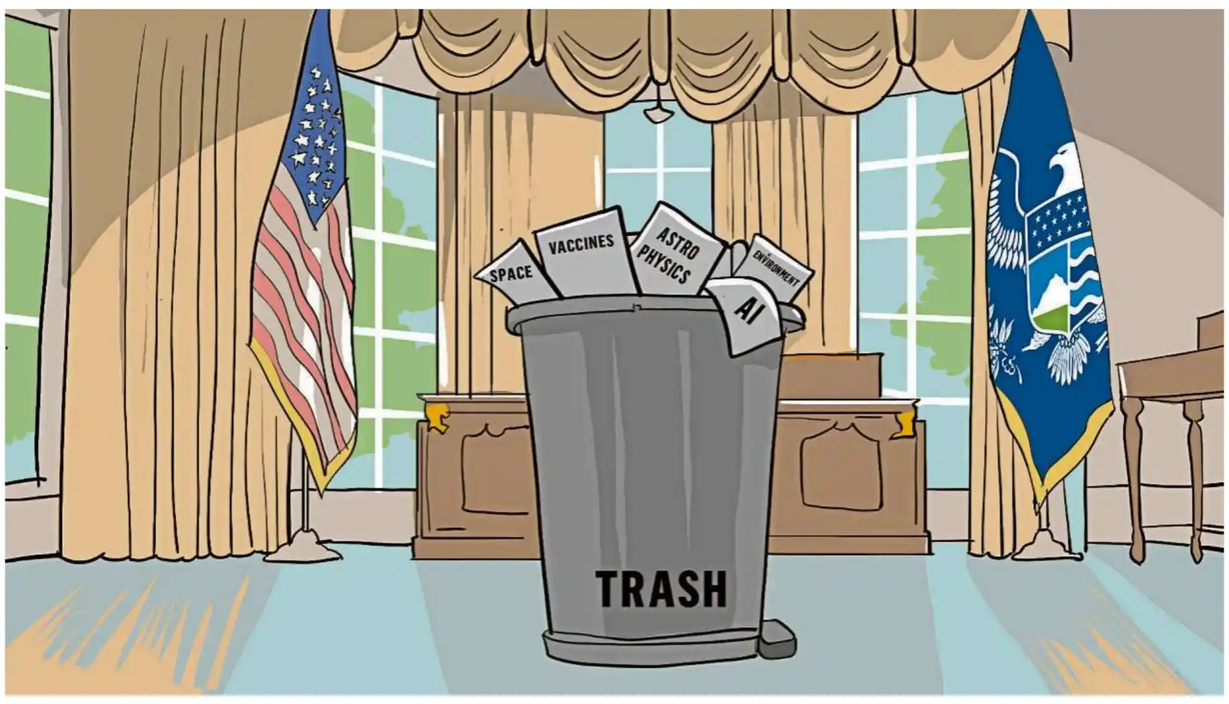


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# Autocratic playbook in Trump's attacks on science

The war on science began four centuries ago when the Roman Catholic Church outlawed books that reimagined the heavens. Subsequent regimes shot or jailed thousands of scientists. Today, in such places as China and Hungary, a less fearsome type of strongman relies on budget cuts, intimidation and high-tech surveillance to cow scientists into submission. Then there is President Donald Trump. His blitz on science stands out because America's labs and their discoveries powered the nation's rise in the last century and now foster its global influence. Just last week, Trump fired the newly confirmed director of the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Her lawyers said the move spoke to "the silencing of experts and the dangerous politicisation of science."

In rapid bursts, Trump has also laid off large teams of scientists, pulled the plug on thousands of research projects and proposed deep spending cuts for new studies. If his proposed $44 billion cut to next year's budget is enacted, it will prompt the largest drop in federal support for science since World War II, when scientists and Washington began their partnership.

Few if any analysts see Trump as a Josef Stalin, who crushed science, or even as a direct analogue to this era's strongman leaders. But his assault on researchers and their institutions is so deep that historians and other experts see similarities to the playbook employed by autocratic regimes to curb science.

For instance, despots over the ages devised a lopsided way of funding science that punished blue-sky thinkers and promoted gadget makers. Trump's science policies, experts say, follow that approach. He hails Silicon Valley's wizards of tech but undermines the basic research that thrives on free thought and sows the seeds of not only Nobel Prizes but trillion-dollar industries.

The president's backers deny any suggestion that he engages in autocratic moves or has autocratic ambitions.

Trump "is a threat to bureaucracy, not democracy," said Paul Dans, the architect of Project 2025, the right-wing blueprint for Trump's presidency. "He has an extremely high regard for science."

The ultimate target, according to the president and his supporters, is not science but rather the role experts play in generating the red tape that hobbles the nation's economy and, they say, the research enterprise itself. They note that Project 2025 called for the dismantling of the administrative state.

Trump himself insists that, overall, he wants to save science. His defenders argue that he is cutting bloated budgets to restore public trust in science and spark a golden age of discovery.

Defenders of the postwar order concede that federal science management can be improved. But the Trumpian cure is, they add, far worse than any disease. They dismiss his recent moves and pronouncements as little more than pretexts for what they see as repressive tactics inspired by contemporary autocrats.

"Science is a source of social power," said Daniel Treisman, a political scientist at the UCLA. "It always poses a potential threat."

Threatened or not, Trump has long scorned experts as overrated and has stated that he prefers to rely on common sense and gut instincts. "The experts are terrible," he told the crowd at a 2016 rally in La Crosse, Wisconsin. If analysts differ on the reasons for Trump's attacks on science, they agree that his actions could affect America's long-standing role as the world leader in scientific discovery—either strengthening it or, conceivably, ending it. Will the nation continue to set the global standard for science breakthroughs?

### The Church

From the start, modern science faced repression. The backdrop was doctrine: The Roman Catholic Church long held that humans sat at the centre of the universe as the stars, planets and sun moved overhead in never-ending tributes. Not so, argued Nicolaus Copernicus, a Polish astronomer. In 1543, he laid out evidence showing that the Earth and planets revolve around the sun. News of his book, 400 pages long and rich in diagrams, moved slowly across Europe. The church in time decided to show its displeasure. In 1600, it had Giordano Bruno, an advocate of Copernicus' heliocentric theory, burned at the stake.

To fight the heresy, the church in 1616 put the Copernican tract on its list of prohibited books. Undeterred, Galileo, an Italian astronomer, in 1632 published his great work, *Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems*. It backed Copernicus. Galileo's trial by the Roman Inquisition in 1633 was a turning point in Western history. The spectacle of the elderly thinker being forced, under threat of torture, to recant came to symbolise the church's hostility to open inquiry.

Even so, Rome proceeded to adapt churches and cathedrals to serve as solar observatories, which let the church improve the calendar and better fix the date of Easter. The research also gave credence to the Copernican view. Nonetheless, Rome kept its heliocentric ban in place for centuries.

The Catholic Church's double standard—crushing blue-sky science while enjoying the practical benefits—became a favourite tactic of monarchs, despots and modern autocrats. Today the two categories of exploratory work are known as basic and applied science. By nature, basic studies, though risky, tend to yield the most important discoveries.

### The State

The dictators of the 20th century turned the suppression of basic science and the promotion of applied research into superweapons of social control. Upon taking power in 1933, Adolf Hitler redefined German science to include the idea that Aryans represent the master race. "If science cannot do without Jews," he quipped, "we will have to do without science." Hundreds of Jewish scientists were dismissed, and many fled the country. Regime dogma guided the remaining scientists. The idea was that nationalistic science was the only true science. Before the war, Germany led the world in such triumphs of the intellect as relativity theory and quantum mechanics. Nazi science ended the blue-sky breakthroughs.

In this century, a new kind of ruler arose. The new autocrats, forsaking military garb for designer suits, relied on subtle threats, budget cuts and high-tech surveillance to curb science.

Daniel Treisman, a political scientist at the UCLA, joined with Sergei Guriev, dean of the London Business School, to write a 2023 book on the new generation. *Spin Dictators* argues that the media-savvy strongmen have recast authoritarian rule for the digital age. "They don't want to be controlled by scientists," Treisman said. "They want to control them." He noted that the new authoritarians, like the old, rely on applied science to bolster the legitimacy of their regimes.

The book's case studies look at leaders including Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro, China's Xi Jinping, Russia's Vladimir Putin and Hungary's Viktor Orban.

In Brazil, Bolsonaro, as president from 2019 to 2023, slashed the federal research budget, throwing thousands of scientists into limbo.

In China, Xi's rise to power in 2012 led to online censors, televised confessions and the repression of restive populations, such as the Uyghurs. His science investments put applied over basic studies.

In Russia, Putin has created what experts consider a police state in which agents falsely arrest scientists on charges of treason and closely monitor their contacts with foreigners. Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022 led to a mass exodus of scientists. At the same time, Moscow has used applied science as a stealthy weapon of social control.

In his first term as president, Trump sought to crush federal science. But Congress often reversed his proposed funding cuts. In his second term, Trump's first target was expert guidance.

On February 19, weeks after taking office, Trump signed an executive order that called for the downsizing and elimination of the advisory panels. The order affected panels that oversaw vaccines, astrophysics, fisheries, mathematics, space, the geosciences, the environment and artificial intelligence.

Next, in March, amid budget cuts and growing protests by scientists, Trump unveiled an overall science policy that echoed the autocrats in emphasising technological spinoffs, such as artificial intelligence and quantum computing. In a public letter, the president called for securing the nation's status "as the unrivaled world leader in critical and emerging technologies."

**The New York Times**

# The Mango Degree mystery: When PhDs and pickles collide

When Navin Malhotra first applied to Swarglok Pickles Pvt Ltd, the requirement was modest: tightening bottle caps at the end of a conveyor belt. The skills required were straightforward—resilient wrists, a tolerance for vinegar fumes, and a willingness to put up with the owner's fondness for loud devotional songs during work hours. No one ever asked for a degree.

Nevertheless, Navin felt the urge to announce that he possessed a doctorate, not in chemistry or management, but in the peculiar discipline of Advanced Mango Studies with a specialisation in extra-spicy varieties. The HR officer tilted her head, uncertain whether this was a serious claim or an elaborate prank, but she recorded it all the same. Within days, the "PhD aura" worked its magic. Promotions followed briskly until the man from the conveyor belt found himself promoted to the CEO's chair.

For some years, the factory ran on without any untoward incident. Staff called Navin 'Doctor Mango' with a curious mixture of reverence and amusement. Navin possessed incredible oratory skills, and his speeches comparing Karl Marx to lime pickle became legendary. Then came the question that rocked the boat. A curious junior employee asked whether any university in the world actually conferred a doctorate in mangoes. Searches revealed that the "International Academy of Tropical Fruit Metaphysics" appeared in no credible list. The institution was as elusive as unicorns and tax refunds.

Naturally, the employees grew restless. "Can we see the degree certificate?" asked one. "Just the title of the thesis?" ventured another. Or the convocation photograph? Even the canteen staff began speculating—if the pickles had a quality certificate, surely the CEO could show his.

But Navin remained calm. He declared that his degree was a private affair. Personal documents, he explained, were not subject to public curiosity. "My mangoes are sacred," he intoned, "untouched by public hands."

Dissatisfied, some employees approached the courts. And here the spectacle turned surreal. Navin's lawyer, with admirable imagination, told the judge that degrees were like a magician's secret trick. Everyone assumes the magician has it, but revealing the trick spoils the wonder. It is intensely personal and private. The opposing counsel argued that if the trick won the CEO's seat, the spectators should have some proof of its reality. The judge ruled cleverly that the degree was of public interest but not in the public interest to disclose, allowing the magic to remain intact.

But the unease persisted. Employees whispered in the corridors: what was the need to lie about a degree when none had been demanded? And if the degree was fictitious, what about the accounts? The procurements? Even the secret recipe for the famous lime pickle might turn out to be imaginary.

The irony is sharper, they felt, because a degree certificate reveals so little. It does not disclose marks or ranks—it merely states that so-and-so has qualified. Most graduates are proud to display it. To conceal such a basic document suggests that there was, in fact, nothing to conceal—except the absence itself.

However, many employees started speaking up. They said, "Look, when someone uses private claims to justify their public power, privacy isn't really privacy anymore—it turns into accountability." Think about it: if someone says they climbed Everest and then uses that to get ahead in leadership, don't you think the public has every right to ask if they actually climbed more than just a flight of stairs? When fiction gains power, it stops being a private daydream and becomes a public lie. Pretty logical, right? Many at the company agreed. But guess what? Nothing changed. The status quo is still stubbornly intact.

Navin still presides over his factory today, issuing instructions with characteristic gravitas as barrels bubble in the background. The degree remains invisible yet apparently protective, like a talisman that wards off inquiry. Employees have grown used to the absurdity, perhaps comforted by the idea that if reality can be pickled, it can also be conveniently forgotten.

Thus, the CEO with the invisible degree remains secure, a reminder that in the great jars of public life, facts and fictions can ferment together until few can tell the difference. Vinegar preserves both truth and lies—sometimes for years.

*(The author's identity is withheld, much like the CEO's purported degree – both shrouded in mystery and discretion. This is a satire meant to entertain. Characters are imaginary)*

## OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

**50 YEARS AGO: SEPTEMBER 1975**

### World Bank's big $7 billion garibi hatao plan

Washington, September 1
World Bank President Robert McNamara today proposed that the Bank should lend $7 billion to the developing countries as emergency aid during the current fiscal year and approximately $40 billion over the next five years. Addressing the Bank's International Board of Governors at their annual meeting here, Mr. McNamara said that the poorest nations were now facing a decade of stagnation. The developing countries were facing a severe forex crisis.

**25 YEARS AGO: SEPTEMBER 2000**

### Centre to consult states on appointing governors

New Delhi, Sept 1
The Centre has agreed to "consult" state governments in appointing governors after the standing committee of the Inter-State Council (ISC) reached a consensus on the issue at its meeting here last Friday. Union Home Minister L K Advani, who chaired the eighth meeting of the standing committee, said the Constitution would be suitably amended to put this into practice. He said the decision was in keeping with the Sarkaria Commission recommendations.

## OASIS | RADHIKA D SHYAM

# Hope in the midst of struggle

There are a few instances in life when we feel really low and desolate and there seems to be no way out. The dreary tunnel of life appears so long that the light at the end of it is not visible at all. We feel trapped in a dense fog with no sign of hope in sight. In such a situation it is difficult to remember that nothing lasts forever – if not the good, definitely not the bad; it is hard to realise that everything is cyclical in nature - the phases of the moon, the position of the sun based on movement of the earth, the time in the clock, our life and the highs and lows in it.

Human life is such - never without its strife, struggles or stress. When God came down to earth, even He had no respite from the problems and travails he had to go through. Rama was far from his father when he died pining for his beloved son. Born a prince, he was exiled to live in the forest for 14 years and later had to suffer separation from his wife and children. Krishna had his own share of struggles - separation from his parents at birth and from his foster parents again in childhood, estrangement from his beloved in youth, loss of his favourite nephew in the prime of his life and participation in a mighty war that he tried so hard to prevent. We also know about the burden of the cross that Jesus the son of God had to bear and his horrific painful crucifixion. If Gods have had their helpless and desolate moments, what can be said about us ordinary mortals?

Wait for the fog to clear and there is clarity of emotional thought. Never act in haste however difficult it might look to navigate through life's problems. Talk to friends or family. Seek professional help. They might not have all the answers, but they can help you out of your maze, one step at a time - slowly and steadily. Give your healing some time. Your loved ones might seem too busy to bother about you but they do care for, need and love you - though it might not be apparent all the time. Face life head on. Do not turn away from a road that you don't even know what it's leading to. Circumstances never remain the same. However colossal the problems, they appear miniscule in hindsight. Ride the wave of life – its ebb and tide with equal flair. Life is too precious, never give up on it; you're definitely worth it!

# BRS on backfoot: Telangana govt okays Kaleshwaram CBI probe

## Negligence, deliberate suppression of facts, financial irregularities alleged

**S N V SUDHIR**
HYDERABAD, DHNS

The Congress government in Telangana has decided to order a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) investigation into the Kaleshwaram project controversy.

It had earlier constituted a commission, led by retired Supreme Court Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghosh, to investigate alleged irregularities, misuse of public funds, and corruption in the construction of the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages within the Kaleshwaram project.

The panel submitted its report to the government on July 31, which the state Cabinet approved on August 4 and decided to table in the Assembly for detailed discussion.

The commission reportedly found several problems — including negligence, deliberate suppression of facts, and financial irregularities — in the project's construction during the previous BRS regime, and blamed then-chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao.

After the report was tabled in the Assembly on Sunday and heated discussions ensued, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announced government's decision to transfer the probe to the CBI, a move that drew criticism from BRS leaders.

The CBI probe will require Telangana to revoke the general consent to the probe agency that the previous BRS government had withdrawn three years ago.

During the discussion on the Ghose commission report, Revanth Reddy said the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) said the Medigadda barrage was damaged due to a lack of planning, design, and quality-control deficiencies.

"Since Central public sector undertakings (PSUs) like WAPCOS and financial institutions like PFC and REC are involved in the project's design, construction, and financing, the government decided to hand over this case to the CBI. Hence, the House decided to hand over the investigation to the agency," said the CM.

During the debate on the Ghose Commission report, Revanth Reddy also said the Kaleshwaram Corporation was formed for the project and borrowed Rs 85,449 crore. The previous BRS government borrowed Rs 27,738 crore at an 11.5% interest rate from PFC and another Rs 30,536 crore at 12%, he said.

BRS working president K T Rama Rao described the Ghose panel report as "trash", accusing the Congress of conspiring with the BJP to permanently close Telangana's lifeline project.

# SpiceJet told to pay flier Rs 55k for burger, fries during 14-hr delay

**MUMBAI, PTI:** A District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has directed SpiceJet to pay Rs 55,000 to a passenger after observing that a "single burger and fries" was an "inadequate arrangement" for 14-hour flight delay.

The District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (Mumbai Suburban) passed the order last week, details of which were made available on Monday. The commission noted that the delay was "due to a technical glitch", and the airlines "cannot escape from its duty to look after its travellers till the flight gets ready and operational for further journey". Nor can the airlines excuse itself by merely mentioning that rescheduling, cancellations, delays, etc., are normal in the travel sector, the commission added. "Adequate arrangements of meals, refreshments, water and providing necessary relaxing area are required in such a scenario. The travellers must be kept well informed. There is no denial of the fact that passengers were provided only one burger and fries for the entire delay of more than 14 hours," it said.

As the airline failed to bring the facts related to the deficiency in service, there is sufficient reason to believe the arrangements made by it were inadequate, the commission concluded.

The complainant had booked a SpiceJet flight from Dubai to Mumbai for July 27, 2024, which was "inordinately delayed".

# Thadou leader's killing reignites Meitei-Kuki tension

**SUMIR KARMAKAR**
GUWAHATI, DHNS

The alleged murder of a leader belonging to the Thadou community in Assam on Saturday night has re-ignited tensions between the Meitei and Kuki communities in strife-torn Manipur.

As anger over the death of Thadou Literature Society (Assam) chairman Neikham Jomhao increased, organisations representing both the Thadou and Meitei communities on Monday demanded action against the militant groups belonging to the Kuki communities, alleging their involvement in his death.

The Co-ordination Committee on Manipur Unity (COCOMI) and the Federation of Civil Society Organisations, Manipur (FOCS) — two influential apex bodies of the Meiteis — stated in separate statements that the incident again highlighted the Kuki insurgent groups' "misuse" of the Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreements.

"These acts of terror are not isolated; they are calculated suppressions of collective will. They aim to silence those who dare to dream of a peaceful, undivided state. It is precisely because Jomhao represented this voice of unity that he was made a target, reminding us all how radical, narco-driven forces seek to extinguish hope about peace," said the COCOMI in a statement.

Thadou Inpi Manipur, an apex body of the Thadou community in Manipur, said on Sunday that Jomhao (59) was murdered at his residence at the Manja village in Karbi Anglong.

Jomhao was one of the prominent leaders who attended the "Road to Peace" event in Imphal on August 6, in which Thadou organisations challenged the community to be a part of the Kuki tribes. They also stressed the promotion of peace with the Meiteis. This apparently angered some Kuki organisations.

The Thadou Inpi alleged the involvement of two Kuki insurgent groups — the Kuki Revolutionary Army (KRA) and the United Kukigram Defence Army (UKDA) — in the incident.

# SC seeks response from Centre, NCERT on transgender-inclusive sex education

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** The Supreme Court on Monday sought responses from the Central government, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), and six states — including Maharashtra — within six weeks on a PIL seeking the incorporation of transgender-inclusive comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) in school curricula.

A bench of Chief Justice of India B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran issued the notice after hearing submissions of senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, who represented the petitioner.

Besides the central government and the NCERT, petitioner Kaavya Mukherjee Saha made Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka parties to the plea.

The plea claimed that textbook reviews across Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka revealed systemic omissions, with partial exceptions in Kerala. It claimed that this exclusion violated Articles 14, 15, 19(1)(a), 21, and 21A of the Constitution, and disregarded directive principles under its Articles 39(e)-(f), 46, and 51(c).

The plea contended that the NCERT and most SCERTs failed to incorporate structured or examinable content on gender identity, gender diversity, and the distinction between sex and gender, despite the mandates of Sections 2(d) and 13 of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

It also claimed non-compliance with orders of top court issued in judgments in cases National Legal Services Authority Vs Union of India and Society for Enlightenment and Voluntary Action Vs Union of India.

# MISCELLANY

## ◆ COMICS ◆

### Blondie

HONEY, ARE YOU AWAKE?
I JUST FOUND A NEW MAGAZINE SURVEY ON RELATIONSHIPS THAT I'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE!
WOW, THAT WAS EVEN FASTER THAN THE LAST TIME I ASKED HIM!
SKNXX-X

### Hagar The Horrible

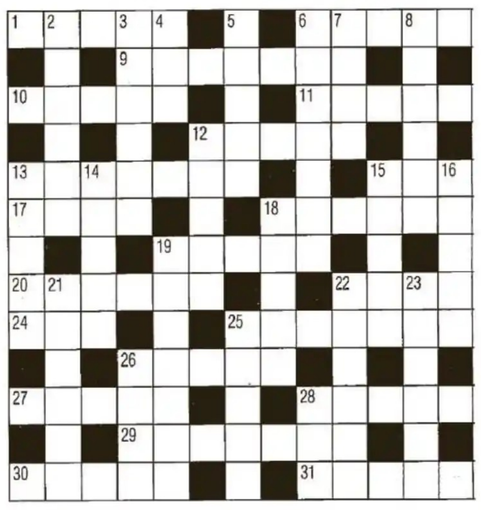
### Beetle Bailey

### Peanuts

### Marvin

HOW CAN THERE BE NOTHING YOU WANT TO WATCH, MARVIN?
WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, I DIDN'T HAVE NEARLY THE OPTIONS YOU DO
YEAH, TELL MARVIN HOW YOU ONLY HAD 12 NETWORK CHANNELS PLUS 100 MORE ON CABLE!

## CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 12237



**CRYPTIC**

**ACROSS**
1 Seen to have rushed round the medical centre (5)
6 Familiar game or form of toy (5)
9 Name an old Arne composition (7)
10 She's in outer Afghanistan, looking deathly pale (5)
11 Concede the right of entry (5)
12 They grow right in the heart of the fens (5)
13 Finished being served by the charlady (4,3)
15 Englishman doggedly disrespected down under (3)
17 To finish the laundry is a hard thing (4)
18 Price of a statue (6)
19 High place in a race, I see (5)
20 Such cake can hardly have a high fat content (6)
22 The food for summer's end, something cold (4)
24 Strike as most snowy in the west (3)
25 Charlie gets angry when swindled (7)
26 Correct girth, maybe (5)
27 At a sitting, no man is needed to be president (5)
28 Part of the map of England that shortly fades? (5)
29 The part leading to terrible noise out of court (7)
30 Attempted to have made connection outright (5)
31 Column that seems original to the Spanish (5)

**DOWN**
2 Good man; a sport, you understand (6)
3 A leggy lot of players (6)
4 One's personal study of gardening? (3)
5 Displeasure at some strange request (5)
6 Possibly nothing less than a fraction distracted! (7)
7 They may be even perfectly balanced (4)
8 Might he make you a sort of coat with some effort? (6)
12 One's particular talent on the piano, perhaps (5)
13 Dump at the wayside (5)
14 What only nine can play (5)
15 Throw the shot, as one might say (3,2)
16 Cried upon finding me married (5)
18 Struggle to find the right rhyme (5)
19 Hoped for achievement but distractedly despaired (7)
21 This way, you can get to Erith after one short hour (6)
22 Something like a canyon conceals most of Inverary (6)
23 Having little money again, you need heart (6)
25 Talking can get spiteful women out of breath! (5)
26 Could you take one out of Griselda? (4)
28 Succeeded in making one copy (3)

**ACROSS**
1 Unit of gold purity (5)
6 Splendour (5)
9 Female voice (7)
10 Maliciousness (5)
11 Sepulchres (5)
12 Escargot (5)
13 Agriculture (7)
15 Facial twitch (3)
17 Opera song (4)
18 Detective (6)
19 Brownish-grey colour (5)
20 Antelope (6)
22 Use one's teeth (4)
24 Affirmative (3)
25 Spy planted in advance (7)
26 Herb (5)
27 Scornful expression (5)
28 Garret (5)
29 Move forward (7)
30 Stops (5)
31 Vagrant (5)

**DOWN**
2 Seem, look (6)
3 Respiratory disorder (6)
4 Foot digit (3)
5 Incorrect (5)
6 Allow (7)
7 Pleasantly cold (4)
8 Even though (6)
12 Move furtively (5)
13 Pixie (5)
14 Goes up (5)
15 Spring bulb (5)
16 Applaud vocally (5)
18 Taper (5)
19 In the direction of (7)
21 Rupture (6)
22 Improved in health (6)
23 Boredom (6)
25 Indian instrument (5)
26 Defeat (4)
28 Perform (3)

**SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12236**

**CRYPTIC**
**ACROSS:** 3, G-Ross 8, Carat 10,T-ally 11,Tip 12, Basil 13,TypiCal 15, CL-ass 18,Ton 19, Sky-men 21, Far-a-day 22, Hill 23, Lark 24, Ja-veli-n 26, Stoves 29, Dot 31, Sides 32, Gate-aux 34, Stony 35, Rid 36, Slate 37, Car-go 38, A-rise.
**DOWN:** 1, Satyr 2, Cap-it-al(l) 4, Real 5, Sticky 6, Sally 7, C-lose 9, Rip 12, Bananas 14, Cor 16, Am-man 17, Snake 19, Same day 20, Chess 21, Flood 23, Literal 24, Jester 25, Lot 27,T-ill-y 28, Vesta 30, Bud-ge 32, Gnus 33, Air.

**EASY**
**ACROSS:** 3, Beret 8, Realm 10, Lifts 11, Die 12, Peter 13, Parable 15, Venus 18, Via 19, Sedate 21,Tension 22, Pier 23, Dirt 24, Teacher 26, Clever 29, Eat 31, Satan 32, Arsenal 34, Putty 35, Set 36, Choir 37, Steep 38, Deems.
**DOWN:** 1, Pedal 2, Cleaver 4, Epee 5, Eleven 6,Tired 7, Stout 9, Air 12, Plaster 14, Bin 16, Nadir 17, Seats 19, Sorcery 20, Specs 21, Tenet 23, Detests 24,Tenure 25, Has 27, Lathe 28, Vapid 30, Cater 32, Atom 33, Nee.

## ◆SU-DO-KU-6690◆

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| 9 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 5 |
| 7 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 1 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 3 |
| 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 7 |

**SOLUTION TO 6689**

**To solve the puzzle:** To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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| A1 | A1 | A1 | L1 | C3 | N1 | R1 | Triple Word Score | RACK 1 |
| H4 | E1 | O1 | E1 | R1 | S1 | K5 | | RACK 2 |
| E1 | S1 | N1 | H4 | R1 | P3 | A1 | | RACK 3 |
| S1 | Y4 | P3 | A1 | T1 | T1 | A1 | Double Word Score | RACK 4 |

PAR SCORE 75-85
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION**

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| S1 | O1 | P3 | R1 | A1 | N1 | O1 | RACK 1 = | 62 |
| C3 | O1 | T1 | T1 | O1 | N1 | S1 | RACK 2 = | 59 |
| E1 | R1 | M3 | I1 | N1 | E1 | S1 | RACK 3 = | 77 |
| L1 | I1 | V4 | I1 | D2 | E1 | R1 | RACK 4 = | 61 |
| | | | | | | | JUDD'S TOTAL | 259 |

PAR SCORE 170-180

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LUCAK

RLOLT

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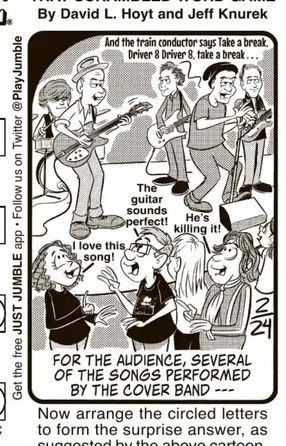
And the train conductor says Take a break. Driver 8 Driver 8, take a break . . .
The guitar sounds perfect!
He's killing it!
I love this song!
FOR THE AUDIENCE, SEVERAL OF THE SONGS PERFORMED BY THE COVER BAND ---

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: EMCEE SOUPY THOUGH INVERT
Answer: The aliens maternity ward was located on the — MOTHER SHIP

## HITORI-3144

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| 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| 5 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| 3 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 2 |
| 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 5 |
| 7 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| 8 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 7 |

**SOLUTION TO 3143**

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| 3 | 7 | ■ | 8 | ■ | 5 | ■ | 2 |
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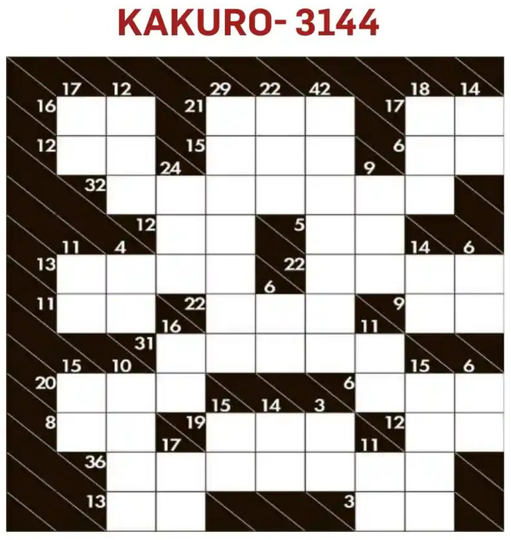
| 6 | 4 | 3 | ■ | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| 5 | ■ | 2 | 1 | ■ | 8 | ■ | 6 |

**To solve the puzzle:** Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

## KAKURO- 3144



**SOLUTION TO 3143**

**To solve the puzzle:** Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

## SU DO KU X - 3664

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**SOLUTION TO 3663**

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| 8 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 5 |
| 7 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| 5 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 8 |
| 2 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 9 |
| 6 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 3 |
| 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 4 |
| 4 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 6 |

**To solve the puzzle:** The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

## 'VOTE CHORI' CHARGES: I.N.D.I.A bloc ends yatra with fiery speeches against BJP

# 'Hydrogen bomb coming': Rahul caps Bihar blitz

SHEMIN JOY
PATNA, DHNS

A "hydrogen bomb" will soon expose the truth of 'vote chori', after which Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not be able to show his face to the nation, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Monday. His remarks came as thousands of supporters joined I.N.D.I.A bloc leaders at the culmination of the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' in Bihar, marked by a 'Gandhi se Ambedkar' march.

With party workers chanting 'Vote Chor, Gaddi Chhod' (Vote Thieves, Vacate the Chair), Rahul claimed that vote theft amounted to the stealing of rights, reservations, jobs, education, democracy and the future of India's youth. He added that it does not stop at votes, but extends to the snatching of ration cards and land for industrialists like Adani and Ambani.

Commending the public for their support of the yatra, Rahul said that the same forces responsible for Mahatma Gandhi's assassination now seek to "murder the Constitution", but vowed that, come what may, they will not allow that to happen.

His brief speech followed speeches by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, CPI(ML)L General Secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya, CPM's MA Baby, CPI's Annie Raja, Shiv Sena (UBT)'s Sanjay Raut and Trinamool Congress' Yusuf Pathan. The speeches came after a march that saw supporters chanting slogans against the Election Commission, as well as the Modi and Nitish governments.

The 'rich-in-symbolism' march began at Gandhi Maidan in the Bihar capital, where leaders paid floral tributes at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi before proceeding towards Ambedkar Park. At Dak Bungalow Chowk, they addressed a large crowd before continuing to Ambedkar Park to pay homage to the father of the Constitution.

Addressing the gathering, Rahul reiterated his allegations regarding Maharashtra elections, which he claimed were "stolen" from the Maha Vikas Aghadi. He also referred to the Mahadevapura Assembly seat in Karnataka, where a Congress analysis of electoral rolls allegedly uncovered over one lakh "fake voters".

Referring to BJP workers who waved black flags during the two-week-long yatra, Rahul said, "I want to tell the BJP people — have you heard of anything bigger than an atom bomb? Be ready, a hydrogen bomb is coming. In Mahadevapura, we showed you the atom bomb. Now, the hydrogen bomb is on its way, and the truth of 'vote chori' is about to unravel. After that, Narendra Modi-ji will not be able to show his face to the country."

Tejashwi slammed Bihar's "double engine government" as derailed, calling Nitish the "Bhishma Pitamaha of corruption". He accused BJP leaders and the Election Commission of conspiring to end democracy.

**MALLIKARJUN KHARGE**
Congress president

"Once upon a time, he used to go around and talk about socialism and praise Ram Manohar Lohia and George Fernandes and others. Where did those socialist ideas go? Now you have gone and fallen into the lap of the BJP-RSS. This BJP-RSS will dump you where garbage is dumped.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during a march marking culmination of 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' in Patna. PTI

## Irresponsible remarks, says BJP

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** Responding to senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's claims that he will be coming out with new revelations on alleged 'vote-theft', the BJP on Monday said the Congress leader was making "irresponsible statements" and asked why the earlier claims have not been backed with an affidavit before the Election Commission.

"Whenever I listen to Rahul Gandhi, inside or outside the Parliament, it takes time to understand what he is trying to say. How are the atomic bomb and the hydrogen bomb related to the elections? Why is he demeaning himself as the Leader of Opposition? He is irresponsible," BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad said while addressing the media in the national capital.

Prasad was responding to Gandhi's statement at a rally in Patna, where he claimed a 'hydrogen bomb' on alleged 'vote-chori' would be soon made public.

The BJP leader said that by these comments, he is "demeaning" the position of the Leader of the Opposition.

Defending the Special Intensive Review of electoral rolls in Bihar, Prasad said, booths are now not captured in Bihar.

### 'Cannot capture booths'

"They are deeply pained by the fact that they cannot capture booths now, which is why they demand ballot paper time and again.

"Their whole agitation against the Election Commission and the SIR is centred around their idea – 'give us the right and might to capture booths, tear away ballot papers, and let infiltrators vote'," Prasad said during the conference at the BJP headquarters.

Prasad also raised the issue of the abuse of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the yatra and said that the prime minister has been abused 107 times.

"Democracy functions on decency; his mother, who faced tough conditions in raising her children, was dragged into this. Rahul Gandhi does not have an iota of shame left to come forward and say that the person was not a Congress worker, and even if he is, action will be taken against him. He has not even condemned the incident yet... This is his aggression and hatred for the prime minister," the BJP leader added.

**RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD**
BJP leader

"By alleging fraud and deceit behind the BJP's victories under Modi's leadership, the Congress leader has been insulting voters. This is arrogance and we will tell voters to punish him for his arrogance.

### 'Tejashwi relegated'

Prasad also claimed that Tejashwi was relegated to being behind Gandhi during the entire yatra.

"Throughout their yatra, Rahul Gandhi was always in the front in the car, and Tejashwi Yadav stood behind him. Patna has two MPs, one of whom is me and the other is Misa Bharti. She was nowhere to be seen. Why has Tejashwi Yadav been reduced to a number two player in Bihar? Congress has no vote here and is completely at their mercy," Prasad said.

He added that due to Rahul Gandhi, the rift between Tejashwi and his sister has widened.

## How Rahul killed three birds with one stone

ABHAY KUMAR
PATNA

The Election Commission may have asked him to file an affidavit to substantiate his allegations of 'vote theft'. NDA leaders may be berating him for making wild accusations against the ruling dispensation and constitutional bodies. Yet an unperturbed Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, has done what much of the Congress top leadership could not do over the past 3 decades.

The former Congress president has, single-handedly and through his widely publicised 'Voter Adhikar Yatra', breathed new life into party in Bihar, a state where it has struggled for relevance since being ousted from power in March 1990.

Rahul, through his 15-day yatra, which focused primarily on 'vote theft' and overshadowed the BJP's Hindutva and temple agenda, has resurrected the grand old party by traversing 1300 km across 25 districts in Bihar, covering 110 Assembly constituencies.

Meticulously planned and executed with clinical precision, the yatra has left both NDA and I.N.D.I.A allies stunned by the Congress' resilience. Once moribund, the party now finds itself in a relatively strong position to drive a hard bargain with RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav for a decent share of seats.

"Rahul has, in fact, killed three birds with one stone. First, he leveraged the faultlines within the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process to corner both the Election Commission and the BJP. Second, by journeying from Sasaram in the west to Araria in the east, he has breathed new life into the Congress, which was politically defunct in this stretch of the cow-belt. Third, by reviving the Congress, Rahul now finds himself in a position to drive a hard bargain with the RJD leadership for a respectable share of seats in the Assembly elections slated for November," said veteran political scientist and national magazine editor Giridhar Jha.

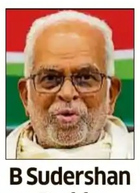
The political expert elaborated on how, before the Voter Adhikar Yatra, Tejashwi was reluctant to offer the Congress more than 50 of the 243 Assembly seats, citing its dismal performance in 2020 polls.

"In the 2020 polls, the Congress managed to win only 19 of the 70 seats it contested, largely because we were given unwinnable seats. But after Rahul's 15-day yatra, the mood within the grand old party is buoyant. We now expect Congress to secure a respectable share of seats in the seat-sharing talks with the RJD," said former Bihar Congress president Ram Jatan Sinha.

## EC dysfunction biggest threat to Constitution: Justice Reddy

**HYDERABAD, DHNS:** Retired Supreme Court Justice B Sudershan Reddy, the I.N.D.I.A bloc's vice-presidential candidate, expressed grave concerns on Monday that the functioning of the Election Commission of India represents the biggest challenge the Constitution currently faces.

Speaking to reporters in Hyderabad while campaigning for support, Justice Reddy warned that democracy in India would be in peril if the Commission continues to operate in its present manner.



B Sudershan Reddy

Responding to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's comments about the Salwa Judum judgment, Justice Reddy clarified that it was not his personal verdict but a Supreme Court judgment he had authored. He criticised Shah for suggesting that he had supported Naxalites and advised the Home Minister to read the judgment thoroughly before making such remarks.

"The judgment was reviewed by 11 judges without any changes being made," Justice Reddy emphasised, defending the integrity of the judicial process. He cautioned against uninformed political discourse and stressed the importance of factual accuracy in public debate.

Justice Reddy made it clear that while contesting as the I.N.D.I.A bloc's candidate, he would not formally join any political party, maintaining his independence. He stated that criticism would not deter him from his electoral bid, countering any attempt by opponents to discourage him through negative campaigning.

## Best leader is one who can fool people: Gadkari

**MUMBAI, DHNS:** Known for calling a spade a spade, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has stirred controversy again, saying "one who can fool is the best leader".

"In the field where I work, speaking the truth with all my heart is prohibited... jo logon ko sabse acchha moorkh bana sakta hai, wahi sabse acchha neta ho sakta hai (the one who can fool people the best can be the best leader)," said Gadkari, the 68-year-old veteran BJP leader with a strong RSS background.

He added: "One thing is true though: Lord Krishna has written in the Bhagavad Gita that truth is the ultimate victor. There are no short-cuts."

Gadkari's statement came at Akhil Bhartiya Mahanubhav Parishad in Nagpur, his hometown. During his address, he urged people to live with honesty and dedication.

## SC to hear Udhayanidhi's plea in 2026

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** The Supreme Court on Monday decided to hear in 2026 a plea filed by Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin seeking a direction to club all FIRs and complaints over his contentious "eradicate Sanatan Dharma" remarks made in 2023 and transfer them to one place.

Taking up his plea, a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta allowed a request by his counsel to list the matter for hearing in 2026.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Udhayanidhi, argued that several FIRs and complaints had been filed against him.

"This court has done two things in the past in several cases," he said.

The DMK youth wing secretary's counsel urged the bench to take up the matter next year. The bench agreed with Rohatgi's request.

## Trump aide's 'Brahmin' remark sparks BJP fury

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** US President Donald Trump's trade advisor Peter Navarro's comments that "Brahmins are profiteering at the expense of Indian people" drew sharp reaction from the BJP on Monday.

Peter Navarro

Party MP Nishikant Dubey, in a social media post on 'X', sought to know if Prime Minister Narendra is also Brahmin and which private petroleum companies are owned by the community.

"The US should think about CEOs like Sundar Pichai, Satya Nadella and Indra Nooyi, who are all Brahmins heading major American companies," he added.

Dubey also tried to link the remarks to Rahul Gandhi, saying, "It seems Rahul Gandhi ji's ignorance script has reached America."

Responding to Dubey, TMC MP Sagarika Ghosh wrote on 'X' that the term "Boston Brahmins" was historically used in the US to describe wealthy elites in New England. "It is still used to denote social and economic elites," she added.

Speaking in an interview with Fox News, Navarro, a close aide of US President Trump, acknowledged Narendra Modi as "a great leader", but failed to understand why the Indian PM was joining Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping when India is the "biggest democracy".

"I would just say to the Indian people, please, understand what's going on here. The Brahmins are profiteering at the expense of the Indian people. We need that to stop," Navarro said.

Meanwhile, Union Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has dismissed Navarro's 'laundromat' remark, asserting that India has not violated any rules in purchasing Russian oil and its energy trade since the Ukraine war has helped stabilise global markets and keep prices in check.

*(With PTI inputs)*

## HC cracks down on Maratha quota agitation as Mumbai gridlocked

### Asks govt to clear protesters from streets by today

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS

As the Maratha reservation agitation led by Manoj Jarange Patil gathered momentum, plunging South Mumbai into chaos, the Bombay High Court observed that the situation had "gone out of hand" and directed the Maharashtra government to clear protesters from the city's streets, except for the designated protest site at Azad Maidan, by Tuesday.

The Devendra Fadnavis-led Maha Yuti government is trying to resolve the crisis through multiple legal options, as the Maratha community demands inclusion under the 27% OBC quota.

"The situation is grim and the city of Mumbai has been practically brought to a standstill," said a division bench comprising Justice Ravindra Ghuge and Justice Gautam Ankhad, which held a special hearing on a petition by Amy Foundation and others on Monday.

"We are giving Jarange and his supporters an opportunity to rectify the situation immediately and ensure that the streets are vacated by Tuesday noon. The high court building is surrounded... The entry gates for judges and lawyers are blocked. Judges' cars were blocked. The entire city has been blocked," the court said.

The HC has set a 4 pm deadline to clear Mumbai's streets of protesters. The regular bench is scheduled to hear the matter at 3 pm on Tuesday.

Reacting to the court's directive, Jarange Patil urged agitators to assemble at Azad Maidan and vacate the roads. "Don't be on the streets and trouble people... go to the designated areas and parking lots," he said.

Advocate General Birendra Saraf, representing the state government, said the protesters had violated all conditions of the protest. The HC instructed Jarange Patil's legal team that no more than 5,000 protesters would be allowed to remain in the city.

Maratha community members stop a train at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus in Mumbai on Monday. PTI

## Will protest if OBC quota is diluted: Bhujbal

**MUMBAI, DHNS:** The large community of Other Backward Classes on Monday hardened its stance on the vexed reservation issue with state Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Minister Chhagan Bhujbal saying that Kunbis and Marathas are not the same and the existing 27% OBC quota cannot be touched under any circumstances.

"We have already launched protests...we will protest in front of tahsildar offices and district collectorates...we will create awareness...however, if the OBC quota is diluted, lakhs of people will come (to Mumbai) and protest...come what may, the OBC quota cannot be touched," he said.

"The existing quota of OBC (27%), Scheduled Castes (13%) and Scheduled Tribes (7%) cannot be touched," the minister said.

"We have no problem if Marathas get reservation without changing the OBC quota," he said.

## Dhankhar shifts into INLD leader Chautala's farmhouse

**NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH, PTI:** Former vice-president Jagdeep Dhankhar shifted from his official residence to a private farmhouse in the Chhatarpur area of south Delhi on Monday, six weeks after he resigned from his post, according to officials.

The farmhouse in the Gadaipur area belongs to INLD leader Abhay Chautala.

An official told PTI that Dhankhar will stay in the private farmhouse as an interim arrangement till he is allocated a Type-VIII official residence, which he is entitled to as a former vice-president.

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry, however, has not yet received any formal request from Dhankhar for allotment of a government bungalow, another official said.

Abhay Chautala, the son of ex-Haryana chief minister O P Chautala, confirmed that Dhankar has moved into the farmhouse in Chhatarpur. "We have old family ties with him. He is like a family member. I don't have to offer him to stay in our house, it is his own house," the INLD leader said.

JOINT DRILL

## India & US begin military exercise in Alaska

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Amid the ongoing tariff tension with the USA, Indian Army soldiers have travelled to Alaska for a two-week-long exercise with the US military, signalling a steady strategic relation between the two nations.

An Indian Army contingent, comprising a battalion from the Madras regiment, will participate in the India–USA joint military exercise Yudh Abhyas 2025 at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, between September 1 and 14, the defence ministry said in a statement.

The Indian contingent will train alongside soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment "Bobcats" of the Arctic Wolves Brigade Combat Team, 11th Airborne Division of the USA.

Over two weeks, troops will rehearse a spectrum of tactical drills, including helicopter-borne operations, employment of surveillance resources and unmanned aerial systems, rock craft, mountain warfare, casualty evacuation, combat medical aid, and the integrated use of artillery, aviation, and electronic warfare systems.

In addition, experts from both armies will give hands-on training on critical domains such as unmanned aerial systems (UAS) and counter-UAS operations, information warfare, communications, and logistics.

The exercise will culminate in jointly planned and executed tactical manoeuvres, ranging from live-fire exercises to high-altitude warfare scenarios, with a focus on improving capabilities for United Nations peacekeeping operations and strengthening preparedness for multi-domain challenges.

The 21st edition of the bilateral army exercise comes days after US submarine support ship USS Frank Cable visited Chennai.

During the visit—the second one for the US support ship in two years—Indian submarine INS Sindhuvijay moored alongside USS Frank Cable to demonstrate the submarine tender's capacity to maintain and repair allied and partner submarines throughout the Indo-Pacific.

Frank Cable is supporting the 7th Fleet, the US Navy's largest forward-deployed numbered fleet, operating with allies and partners with the objective of preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

Despite the bitterness on the trade and traffic front, the strategic relations between New Delhi and Washington remained steady, as the two countries were likely to renew a 10-year military cooperation agreement soon, sources said.

## 'Curious, shocked': Gauhati HC on allotting 3,000 bighas of land for cement unit

**GUWAHATI, PTI:** The Gauhati High Court on Monday said it is "perturbed, curious, and shocked" over allocating 3,000 bighas (nearly 1,000 acres) of land to a private cement company in Assam's tribal-majority Dima Hasao district and asked whether the environmental clearance has been taken for the project.

During the hearing of a writ petition filed by 22 people, Justice Sanjay Kumar Medhi and Advocate General Devajit Saikia had a prolonged argument on whether such a huge parcel of land should be given to Mahabal Cement for setting up a factory at Umrangso in the 6th Schedule Area.

"The court was perturbed by the allotment of 3,000 bighas in 6th schedule. We just want to see the records of how the policy was taken," Justice Medhi said.

Claiming that there is "absolutely no foul play", Saikia informed the court that the government constituted a three-member inquiry committee to probe into the matter.

The report is ready, and it will be submitted as an affidavit before the next day of hearing on September 3, he said.

Justice Medhi said the court is not against having an industry in Dima Hasao, governed by the North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC).

"We are slightly curious and a bit shocked when an area of 3,000 bighas is given to a private company," he said, asking the NCHAC counsel to submit the records and policy of the council under which the land was allotted.

The court then asked if due clearances were taken from the authorities concerned for the 6th Schedule Area land.

"The Executive Committee of the council decided to allot the land of 3,000 bighas. In 1998, 6,000 bighas of land were allotted to the industry department of the council. That land was not utilised by the industry department," the AG responded to the query.

From that 6,000 bighas, NCHAC EC decided to allot 3,000 bighas, he added.

TRADE TENSIONS

# Brahmins profiteering at expense of Indian people: Navarro

**Trump aide accuses Indian elite of profiteering from Russian crude oil**

NEW YORK, PTI

In a fresh attack on India over its purchases of Russian oil, White House trade adviser Peter Navarro has claimed that "Brahmins" are profiteering at the expense of the Indian people and insisted it must "stop".

"Look, (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi is a great leader," Navarro, the Trump administration's Senior Counsellor for Trade and Manufacturing, said in an interview with Fox News Sunday.

The trade adviser said he did not understand how the Indian leader was cooperating with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping "when he's the biggest democracy in the world".

"So I would just simply say, the Indian people, please understand what's going on here. You've got Brahmins profiteering at the expense of the Indian people. We need that to stop," Navarro said.

Navarro has repeatedly targeted India in recent days following a downturn in ties between Washington and New Delhi over President Donald Trump's policies on trade and tariffs. Trump has imposed 25% reciprocal tariffs on India and an additional 25% for Delhi's purchases of Russian oil.

India has termed the tariffs imposed on it as "unjustified and unreasonable". Navarro was asked about China's purchases of Russian oil and whether the implementation of extra tariffs on India was enough to "choke" Putin. "Well, let's be clear, we have 50% tariffs now on India, but we also have a little over 50 per cent tariffs on China. So there's a question, how much higher do you want to go without actually hurting ourselves?" he said.

Navarro argued that before Putin invaded Ukraine in February 2022, India did not buy Russian oil, and its purchases were of very small amounts. "What happened? Well, the Russian refiners went in and got into bed with big oil in India. Putin gives Modi a discount on the crude. They refine it, and they ship it to Europe, Africa and Asia at a big premium, and they make a ton of money," he said. "Now, what's wrong with that picture?" Navarro added, claiming this "fuels" the Russian war machine and calling India "nothing but a laundromat for the Kremlin".

Defending its crude purchases, India has maintained that its energy procurement is guided by national interest and market dynamics. Russia has emerged as India's top energy supplier since the West imposed sanctions on its crude following the invasion of Ukraine.

## Houthi targets ship in Red Sea after killing of leader

**ADEN (YEMEN), AP/PTI:** Hundreds of Yemenis mourned Monday the death of Houthi Prime Minister Ahmed al-Rahawi, killed last week along with several officials by an Israeli strike, as the group targeted an oil tanker in the Red Sea, renewing their attacks in the crucial global waterway.

The Israeli attack came three days after the Houthis launched a ballistic missile toward Israel that its military described as the first cluster bomb the Iranian-backed rebels had launched at it since 2023.

In the capital city of Sanaa, mourners attended the funeral, held at Shaab Mosque and broadcast by Al-Masirah TV, a Houthi-controlled satellite news channel.

Crowds inside the mosque chanted against Israel and the United States as they grieved the deaths of the officials, including the foreign affairs, media, culture, and industrial ministers.

Funeral attendees Ahmed Khaled and Fathy Mahmoud told The Associated Press the families of the slain officials arrived in ambulances for the funeral, where the bodies were placed in caskets inside the mosque.

The Houthis on Sunday raided offices of the United Nations' food, health and children's agencies in Yemen's capital, detaining 11 UN employees, officials said. The rebels tightened security across Sanaa following the Israeli killing of their prime minister and several Cabinet members.

Abeer Etefa, a spokesperson for the World Food Program, said security forces raided the agencies' offices in the Houthi-controlled capital on Sunday morning.

# Smiles and clasped hands as Xi, Putin, Modi project unity

**Leaders highlight cooperation at SCO summit amid tensions with US**

NYT NEWS SERVICE

Russian President Vladimir Putin, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Tianjin on Monday. REUTERS

It was a scene in eastern China almost certainly intended for an audience on the other side of the world: The leaders of China, Russia and India, the three largest powers not aligned with the West, smiling and laughing like good friends as they greeted each other at a summit in Tianjin on Monday.

It starts with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India and President Vladimir Putin of Russia holding hands and walking into a meeting hall filled with other world leaders. They head straight for President Xi Jinping of China, shake hands and form a close circle. A few words are exchanged before translators join the huddle. Putin cracks a broad smile, and Modi lets out a big laugh. At one point, Modi joins hands with the two leaders.

The tableau carried multiple messages, analysts said. The bonhomie between Xi and Putin was meant to convey a close bond between them as leaders of an alternative world order challenging the United States. Modi sought to show that India has other important friends — including China, regardless of an unresolved border dispute — if the Trump administration chooses to continue alienating New Delhi with tariffs.

"Optics is a key part of this summit, and the White House should grasp that its policies will result in other countries looking for alternatives to meet their interests," said Manoj Kewalramani, head of Indo-Pacific studies at the Takshashila Institution in Bangalore, India.

That imagery in the city of Tianjin, where more than 20 leaders from mostly Central Asia and South Asia gathered, showed how the geopolitical disruption caused by President Donald Trump has given China and Russia a platform to rally partners such as Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Belarus and Pakistan.

China wants to seize on the unpopularity of the United States' chaotic trade policies to drive a wedge between Washington and the rest of the world, arguing that it can serve as a more stable global leader.

Xi, in his opening speech at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, a Eurasian security grouping, took not-so-subtle jabs at the United States, urging members of the group to oppose a "Cold War mentality, bloc confrontation and bullying." He said the organization must "forge ahead" amid "global upheaval."

Putin delivered a speech that repeated his claims about the West being at fault for his country's war in Ukraine. He also praised a recent summit he had with Trump in Alaska to discuss the conflict and said that he had already briefed Xi about those talks in detail, comments seeming to signal China's central role in Russia's diplomatic calculus.

Modi, for his part, spoke of "promoting multilateralism and an inclusive world order" — in other words, a system in which countries like India had a greater say in global affairs.

The three-way hand-holding between Modi, Putin and Xi was nothing short of the smiling manifestation of a troika that Moscow had recently said it hoped to revive. In another demonstration of closeness soon after, Modi shared a car with Putin as they rode together to a meeting on the sidelines of the summit.

"Conversations with him are always insightful," Modi wrote on his social media account. According to Russian state media, Modi decided at the last minute to join Putin in his Russian limousine for the ride to the hotel where they were to meet. Upon arriving at the venue, they spent 50 minutes talking in the car before the official meeting began.

In the past, India's risk-averse bureaucracy would have taken pains to avoid such overt displays of warmth with China and Russia at sensitive junctures — the secret to expanding ties with Washington while keeping a seat at forums led by the other major powers. But Trump's barrage of tariffs on India, now at 50% after penalizing India for buying Russian oil, has left little incentive for India to do so.

## India hopes for fair elections in Myanmar, Modi tells junta chief

**TIANJIN (CHINA), PTI:** India hopes that the forthcoming elections in Myanmar will be held in a fair and inclusive manner involving all stakeholders, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told the head of Myanmar's military junta, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, on Sunday.

Modi met Hlaing on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Tianjin. The prime minister also conveyed to the Senior General that India supports a "Myanmar-led and Myanmar-owned peace process". "The prime minister expressed the hope that the forthcoming elections in Myanmar will be held in a fair and inclusive manner involving all stakeholders," the Ministry of External Affairs said.

"He underlined that India supports a Myanmar-led and Myanmar-owned peace process, for which peaceful dialogue and consultation is the only way forward," it said in a statement. Modi also noted that India attaches importance to its ties with Myanmar as part of its 'Neighbourhood First', 'Act East' and 'Indo-Pacific' policies. "The two leaders reviewed bilateral ties and discussed the way forward on several aspects of bilateral cooperation, including development partnership, defence and security, border management and border trade issues," the MEA said.

It said Modi stressed that progress on ongoing connectivity projects would foster greater interaction between the two countries. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said there was also a discussion on the security and border issues.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**PUBLIC NOTICE**
**FORM-III (See Sub-rule (3) of rule-3)**

In exercise of powers conferred under section **14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act,1961** the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for **Widening of Panathur-Kadubeesanahalli Main Road from Kadubeesanahalli Bridge Outer Ring Road (ORR) to Panathur Main Road RMP Road Till RHS side Turning (Ch: 0.00m to 810.00m) as per RMP-2015 for the width of 18.00m.**

The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (Land Acquisition and TDR) Head Office, BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

**List of land / building area surrendered and land owners for which DRC is to be issued.**

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk: **Bangalore East** Name of the Village: **Panathuru**

| Sl. No. | Sy. No. / Khata No. | Block | Type of land: Vacant | Type of land: Built up | Nature of Land: Agriculture Converted undeveloped Approved layout / developed land / Building site | Dimension of the land / plot and extent in Sq.m: Dimension | Dimension of the land / plot and extent in Sq.m: Extent | Boundaries of the land / plot: North | Boundaries of the land / plot: South | Boundaries of the land / plot: East | Boundaries of the land / plot: West | Building Details: Extent in Sq.m | Building Details: Type of Construction and No. of floors | Building Details: Floor Area Ratio | Present activity on land / Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory, apartment, individual house etc.,) | Market (guide lines) value of the land per Sq.m | Name and address of the owner of the plot / land for which DRC is to be issued. |
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| | | (Block-II) | | | | 221.58 | | Road | Remaining Portion of Sy No.82/7 | Sy No.82/6 | Sy No.82/8 | None | None | None | Vacant | 60,000/- | |

**Note:** Market guideline value of this property is considered subject to conditions of payment of fee as per Government Order No.: ನಅಇ 137 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಯು 2024 (ಇ), ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.09.2024 and as per the Circular No.: ಆಯುಕ್ತರು/ಪಿ.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್/ಜಿ/1802/2024-25, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.09.2024.

Objections and suggestions made be submitted at the address specified below:

| Name and address of the Divisional / Sub divisional / Branch Office | Deputy Commissioner, Land Acquisition & TDR, 2nd Floor, Room No: 208, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, BBMP, Bangalore-560002. |
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**Sd/-,**
**Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike**


## Russia suspected of jamming navigation on EU leader's plane

**SOFIA(BULGARIA), AP/PTI:** A plane carrying European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen was hit by GPS jamming over Bulgaria in a suspected Russian operation, a spokesperson said on Monday.

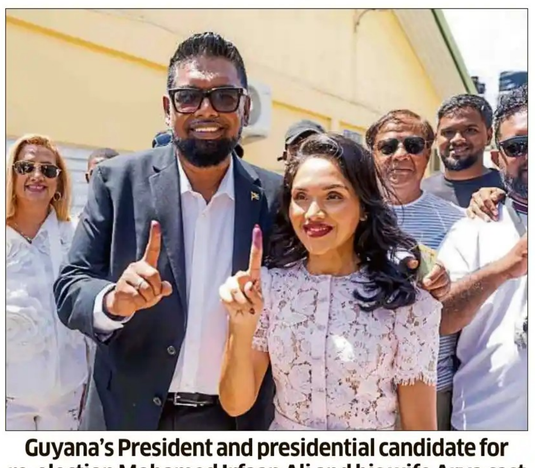
The plane landed safely at Plovdiv airport and von der Leyen will continue her planned tour of the European Union's nations in the east, said commission spokesperson Arianna Podestà.

"We can indeed confirm that there was GPS jamming," said Podestà. "We have received information from the Bulgarian authority that they suspect that this was due to blatant interference by Russia."

The incident with von der Leyen's plane is the latest in a series involving suspected Russian electronic interference with GPS satellite navigation. For months, countries bordering Russia — including Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia — have warned of increased electronic activity interfering with flights, ships and drones. Russian authorities did not immediately reply to requests for comment.

Von der Leyen, a fierce critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin and Moscow's war in Ukraine, is on a four-day tour of much of the EU's eastern flank, visiting Lithuania, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Romania, and Bulgaria.

## WORLD AT A GLANCE



Guyana's President and presidential candidate for re-election Mohamed Irfaan Ali and his wife Arya cast their votes in Leonora on Monday. AFP

### Queen Camilla had fought train attacker with shoe, says book

Britain's Queen Camilla used the heel of her shoe as a teenager to fight off a sexual assault on a train to London's Paddington station, a new book on the relationship between the royal family and government officials revealed on Monday, PTI reports from London.

Camilla.

'Power and the Palace: The Inside Story of the Monarchy and 10 Downing Street' by Valentine Low, being serialised in 'The Times' newspaper this week, recounts a conversation between King Charles III's wife and Boris Johnson, who was the Mayor of London at the time in 2008.

A man is said to have been inappropriately touching Camilla Shand, then aged 16 or 17, when she took off her shoe and hit him with it. "I did what my mother taught me to. I took off my shoe and whacked him in the nuts with the heel," reads the account from the book. Once the train pulled into Paddington station, she found a uniformed officer and got the culprit arrested for the assault.

### 'Imran denied access to doctors'

Pakistan's jailed former prime minister Imran Khan has been denied access to government doctors or personal physicians after he complained of health issues, PTI reports from Lahore.

The 72-year-old cricketer-turned-politician has been behind bars since August 2023 after he was booked in multiple cases. Currently, he is in the Adiala Jail, Rawalpindi. A few days ago, during a meeting (with his lawyers and sisters), Imran complained of pressure in his eyes, yet neither government doctors were called nor was his personal physician granted access. An application is also submitted in court, but no order has yet been issued," his party, — Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf — said on Monday.

A demonstrator shouts slogans during a protest demanding police reform and the dissolution of the parliament, in Bandung, Indonesia, on Monday. AFP

### 10 Indian-origin men charged

Ten Indian-origin men were charged in a Singapore court on Monday after they allegedly took part in a brawl at a coffee shop of an industrial estate last month that left two victims with stab wounds, PTI reports from Singapore.

They were identified as B Vinaash, 21; Khailash Misra Goppal, 22; Visva Manivannan, 23; Gokeda Prushothaman Naidu Gokeda Somu Naidu, 25; Vignesh Manivannan, 27; Jeremy Pravindran, 28; Ghanisheelan Vijaya Kumar, 30; Gokeda Sathish Naidu, 31; Joshua Navindran Suranthiran, 32; and Viknesh Rajandren, 33. Chinese-origin Roy Tan Guo Rong, 34, was also charged as part of the group. Each man faces one charge of rioting while armed with a deadly weapon.

### SUV hits Russian consulate in Oz

A man has been charged after a SUV hit the gates of the Russian consulate in Sydney on Monday, AP/PTI reports from Sydney.

Police were called at 8 am to the property in the eastern suburb of Woollahra where an unauthorised vehicle was reported parked in the driveway. Police attempted to speak to the driver, but he drove the Toyota Kluger into the gates. Two police officers sustained minor injuries and were treated by paramedics. No one else was injured, police said. The SUV came to rest on the lawn near a flagpole on the consulate's grounds. A 39-year-old man arrested at the scene will appear in court on Tuesday on charges including damaging property, possession of a knife and possession of an unnamed restricted substance.

Actors Dwayne Johnson and Emily Blunt pose during a photocall for the movie "The Smashing Machine" at Venice Film Festival in Italy on Monday. REUTERS

# You are a student. Are you a leader?

SAHANA PRASAD

No, I am not. I don't have leadership qualities".
"I am, but no one follows me!"
"I am not sure!"

These are the words I often hear when I ask my students, "Are you a leader?" It is not meant to test whether one is a class president or team captain—it is about realising the qualities that make someone step forward, inspire others, and create a positive impact.

We often hear the word 'leader' and instantly picture famous figures—freedom fighters, world-changing innovators, prime ministers, celebrities, influencers, and YouTubers. However, it is essential to recognise that each of us can be a leader, at least to ourselves.

## Leadership beyond titles

Many students assume that leadership comes only with a badge, a title, or a position of authority. Yes, student council membership, being captain of the college cricket team, and similar roles do require leadership, but holding those designations is not what truly makes one a leader. Leadership is about influence, not position. Are you the quietest person in class? No chance of becoming a leader, you think, but if you inspire your friends by always acting honestly, completing your work on time, or helping others in need, you are already showing leadership.

## The traits of a true leader

Deepika Singh, a professor of psychology, lists several factors that define a leader.

- **Responsibility:** When his team members fared badly in a viva exam, Ananth took ownership. "Yes, I didn't divide the responsibility of the jobs but allowed them to put their names into the report", he accepts.
- **Empathy:** Sitara noticed her teammate, Riya, looking uncomfortable during rehearsal and quietly asked, "Hey, you don't seem yourself—want to talk?" When Riya mentioned she has cramps and is low on energy, Sitara said, "I totally understand. Do you want to switch to a less strenuous part today, or would you rather keep going?" She knew people perform their best when
- **Courage:** A team leader took punitive action when a girl on his team was stalked online by another student. He knew that this boy was one of the brightest in the team and so was a favourite with the teachers." However, "I couldn't be at peace when this girl was suffering at a personal level," he says.
- Vision: "There was no recycling facility in our college. We approached an NGO, had lengthy discussions with the principal, and managed to cart all recyclable waste to a nearby park, says Karthink, a student of a Government PU college, thus showing qualities of a leader.
- **Collaboration:** True leadership isn't about control—it's about teamwork. I judge a team by how much each one contributes, rather than the overall job. Any leader who ensures that all contribute gets my vote," says Chethana Gowda, a management faculty.

Is someone having trouble adjusting? Does your college fest need volunteers? Is your friend, who met with an accident recently, struggling to climb up stairs with his bag? All these are leadership opportunities. I remember a few boys who would push their physically challenged classmates' wheelchairs to the washroom, lift and other places. It doesn't matter that these situations often go unnoticed. Unlike a debate competition, where winners are awarded, many acts of leadership occur silently. Yet, they create a lasting impression.

Are leaders born? Or are they made? Some individuals are naturally outgoing or persuasive. However, leadership is a skill that can be developed, just like writing essays or solving equations. Another myth is that leaders are always extroverted. In truth, some of the most effective leaders are calm, reflective, and prefer listening over speaking.

Leadership skills are life skills. They build confidence, improve communication, and develop resilience. A student who has organised a minor community clean-up will later find it easier to handle group projects at work, navigate workplace conflicts, or even manage a family.

Do remember to become our own leaders first, being responsible, kind, and brave. Learn to be creative and imbibe the qualities of a good leader. Look around your home and locality to find people who can be your role models. This will help you to become one yourself!

# The world of development studies

**In addition to education, students must work at the grassroots level for a deeper understanding of the issues and challenges in development, writes**
**Vijay Prakash Srivastava**

Development is a term we hear so often. The term is used in different contexts. According to the Cambridge Dictionary, development refers to the process of growing, changing, and becoming more advanced. This basic understanding of development is with all of us. However, academic avenues are open to those young students who want to dive deeper into the theme of development.

Yes, over the last decade, development studies have emerged as a promising area in academia. Considering that development encompasses establishing social conditions that lead to individual and collective well-being sustainably and equitably, curricula at various institutes have been designed to focus on understanding the other dimensions of development and the strategies to achieve this development.

The curriculum encompasses all aspects of human life, including cultural, economic, ecological, physical, psychological, social, and political dimensions. It is easy to understand that a general course in development draws from multiple disciplines.

Graduate-level courses in development are hardly available. The interesting fact is that graduates from any area of study have the option to take up a Master's Programme in Development. Such a programme covers foundations of social, political and economic thought; theory and practice of development; gender issues in development; India's social structure; climate change and sustainability; urbanisation and development; development and ethics; institution building; governance and development; globalisation; change management; cultural anthropology and research methodology, among others.

In the final year of this two-year programme, students must choose electives, which vary from institution to institution. Electives at one particular institute are-culture and development; law and society; the making of modern India; gender in Indian society; human rights and justice; war and peace in West Asia; religion and modernity, corruption and development; introduction to international organisations; democracy: theory and practice; decentralisation and governance; development alternatives, food culture and few others. Electives offer a glimpse into the diverse range of development studies.

Formal study opportunities in development are available only at select institutes. Some of which are mentioned below.

The Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Chandigarh; Dr B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi; Madras School of Social Work; Azim Premji University, Bengaluru; Development Management Institute, Patna; and Central University of South Bihar, Gaya, all offer an M.A. in Development Studies.

Several IITs, such as IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Guwahati, IIT Hyderabad and IIT Mandi, have introduced Master's degree programmes in Development.

The Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, offers an M.A. degree in Development Studies through its School of Development Studies. Bangalore University offers M A in Rural Development and Management. Mahatma Gandhi Rural Development and Panchayati Raj University, Gadag, has an MSW (community development/rural reconstruction/ community health) programme. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, offers an M.A. in Development and Labour Studies. Jamia Millia Islamia, another public university in the national capital, offers an MA in Development Communication.

Those who are interested in specialising in a particular area of development must ensure that their selected course includes the required elective or specialisation. Most education providers in development studies have incorporated a judicious mix of theory and practice into their curriculum. Students must work and gain experience at the grassroots level to gain a deeper understanding of the issues and challenges in development.

After completing a postgraduate course in development studies, one may choose to pursue a related career or conduct research in this field. In most cases, the work will focus on socio-economic development. India is still considered a developing country, lagging behind developed countries. Therefore, there are numerous developmental needs. You may get to work with international agencies like the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. Along with the World Bank, countries such as the Netherlands and France have development projects underway in our country.

Another area of work is Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). There are guidelines for companies to allocate funds for projects under CSR. You may have the opportunity to work in the CSR departments of companies belonging to both the public and private sectors. Then there are foundations such as the Infosys Foundation, the Azim Premji Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Aga Khan Foundation, and the Shiv Nadar Foundation, which work on projects related to education, health, sanitation, livelihood, women's empowerment, and access to drinking water, among others. Various other agencies, including non-governmental, non-profit, and voluntary organisations, engage development professionals in the above activities. One can also explore opportunities to work in development finance.

Those interested in entering academia may find an opportunity at a university. Additionally, India has several institutes dedicated to promoting study and research in development. A few examples: Centre for Multi-disciplinary Research, Dharwad; Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow; Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthpuram; Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad; Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi; Council for Social Development, Hyderabad; Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata; Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Gandhinagar; Institute for Human Development, New Delhi.

Students with postgraduate qualifications in social science subjects who are interested in research may choose any development-based theme for their PhD. Various specialisations are currently under development. IITs, NITs and IIMs also offer research opportunities in development.

Globally, there are also extensive opportunities to pursue study, research and work in development.

With increasing concern for sustainability, sustainable development is a potential area of work. As a development professional, you have every chance to work towards making this world a better place.

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# Everyday strategies to help children with dyslexia

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My daughter, aged seven, displayed trouble with reading and writing in her initial schooling years. Reading aloud text in the books and notebooks suddenly seemed scary to her. She would become irritated and aggressive when it came to studying, often shying away or avoiding reading altogether. As a parent, I was concerned about her ability to keep up with the school syllabus and enjoy learning.

At school, teachers began sharing their concerns, such as her reluctance to read aloud in class, and her sentences often appeared in fragments or were not complete at all. Her handwriting wandered off the line, and sometimes she spelt the same word in three different ways within a single page. I noticed she struggled with letter sounds and often mixed up similar-looking letters and numbers (e.g., b/d, p/q, m/w, 6/9).

She even reversed letters when writing in her notebook. She also had trouble with left-right orientation and tracking objects in motion, like a ball approaching from the side. She would put on her shoes in the wrong order. She would get hit by moving objects as she couldn't assess the direction of approach.

In my quest to help her, I began researching information on learning disabilities. This is where I first encountered the term' dyslexia'.

The idea that a child can struggle with reading, even though bright and capable, felt both alarming and reassuring—alarming because it explained the struggle, and reassuring because it offered a solution forward. Someone referred to the movie "Taare Zameen Par", and we eagerly watched the protagonist child navigating similar obstacles and eventually thriving at school with the right support from the teacher.

Our daughter's struggles were similar. She refused to read aloud at school, fearing she would be mocked or bullied. This didn't reflect a lack of effort or intelligence on her part; it highlighted a learning disability that one in ten children experience.

## Understanding dyslexia

Dyslexia is a learning disability that affects how the brain processes written language. People with dyslexia often struggle with reading and spelling, despite being intelligent for their age and motivated to learn. It involves difficulties in

recognising speech sounds, breaking down words, and decoding them into letter sounds.

Early signs can include difficulty recognising letters, trouble blending sounds, reversing letters while written, and struggles with sequencing. Despite these challenges, with targeted strategies and support from parents and tutors, children with dyslexia can hone their reading and writing skills, cope with the syllabus (with time and patience) and excel in other areas they enjoy, such as arts, crafts and colouring.

## How to support a dyslexic child

- **Create a supportive routine:** Short, frequent study sessions with breaks help maintain focus on reading. We use a mix of activities (reading, writing, colouring) to keep her engaged.
- **Use multisensory approaches:** She learns best when she can hear and touch the alphabet to support sight. Pair letter sounds with colourful letters. Allow tracing of the alphabet on the sand and encourage more hands-on activities in the learning routine.
- **Colour and creativity as tools:** Incorporate coloured pens and highlighters to organise writing, highlight sounds, and separate sections. Use a lot of stickers and pictures alongside written text to better connect and relate.
- **Phonics and explicit instruction:** Systematic, explicit phonics teaching helps her connect sounds to letters, step by step.
- **Assistive strategies:** Reading aloud with guidance and using larger alphabet prints during reading hours. Allow pauses, repeat instructions, and read aloud together to reduce pressure.
- **Positive reinforcement:** Celebrate small wins and gradual progress. Reassure and encourage to build confidence.
- **Collaborate with educators:** Constantly communicate with teachers to track progress, maintain consistency between home and school, and explore more learning intervention options if needed.
- **Professional evaluation:** Obtain a formal assessment by an educational psychologist or a dyslexia specialist to outline your learning needs. Please submit this formal report to the school to assist in devising additional learning support plans and providing a shadow teacher at the school.

## Tips for parents and teachers

- Be patient and non-judgmental. Progress is a gradual process. Do not strive for perfection; instead, let the child develop at their own pace.
- Break tasks into manageable steps with fun activities in between. Acknowledge each step forward.
- Use rhythm and repetition in a fun, low-stress way. Reward small wins and praise efforts.
- Embrace their talents, such as artistic and colouring skills, which are valuable anchors for learning.

My daughter's journey is still unfolding, but with understanding and strategies tailored to her needs, she is learning to cope with it. If you notice similar patterns in your child, he/she is not at fault. You can help them overcome this learning disability with the right guidance and encouragement at home/school. Given the right support, every child can find their own path to literacy and success.

# Job stigma bringing you down? New research says to 'shake it off'

The stereotypical employee may be at a desk in front of a computer screen working a nine-to-five job. Still, for many employees, the workday is filled with manual labour, hazardous environments, and late-night shifts.

Your local garbage collector, for example, is someone with a job that society might consider "dirty," both literally and socially.

For so-called "dirty jobs," the environment may be stressful, the stigma can be hard to ignore, but the work needs to get done to keep society functioning.

Scott Dust, PhD, professor in the management department at the University of Cincinnati Carl H. Lindner College of Business, worked with doctoral candidates Sodiq Babatunde and Ben Fagan to analyse the impact of stress and stigma on well-being in certain careers.

Their study, "*Shake it off: The role of self-consciousness in dictating whether dirty work reduces satisfaction through emotional exhaustion*," was recently published in the Journal of Management & Organisation.

The word "dirty" can apply to various types of stigmatisation: think literally, such as in sewage and waste management, or socially and morally, as in prison staffing or legal defence.

"Think about a society without people like prison wardens or morticians. It would be chaotic," Babatunde explained.

"These workers are susceptible to increased levels of emotional exhaustion, a specific form of burnout," said Dust, who also serves as the senior director of Lindner Professional Programs. "This is problematic because burnout leads to reduced satisfaction in their career and life in general."

## Reframing 'dirty' work

In the study, the team defined "dirty work" as "occupational stigmatisation" that "stems from societal perceptions of such jobs as undesirable or unclean."

"Dirty workers keep the environment clean, help us live healthy and keep us safe," Babatunde said. "These guys are essential workers. They do things that many of us cannot do. Despite doing that, they still get stigmatised."

"The way to combat this is to ensure that the pride these workers feel from what their jobs give them and what they in turn give to society is greater than the sting of judgment," Fagan said.

The team worked together to investigate the relationship between dirty work, emotional exhaustion and career outcomes by analysing the demands these types of jobs require and the resources they offer to employees. They found that by measuring employee satisfaction empirically, they could specifically track the effects of stigmatisation that had previously been largely assumed. According to Dust, these occupations are understudied in comparison to their white-collar peers.

The data were clear: workers with more self-confidence were less impacted by any preconceived notions about their careers.

"Although easier said than done, those who don't tend to care what people say or think about them are much more resilient in being able to shake it off and maintain levels of satisfaction with their work regardless of whether others consider it 'dirty,'" Dust said.

The practical applications of the study extend beyond just personal reflection. The team also provided guidelines for managers to identify emotional exhaustion and address the challenges faced by employees in these stigmatised professions. "It's specifically helping managers understand how you handle these stigmas," Fagan said.

"We provide different interventions managers can do that will help their workers reduce the emotional exhaustion or help them interpret their role in a way that says, 'I'm valuable. What I'm doing is worth it and contributing to society.'"

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# India's factory output grows at quickest pace in 17 years

## Domestic demands robust; US tariffs hit international sales

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India's manufacturing output grew at its quickest pace in over 17 years, led by robust domestic demands even though international sales softened due to US tariffs, an industry survey conducted by S&P Global showed on Monday.

Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for manufacturing rose to 59.3 in August from 59.1 recorded in the previous month. This survey-based data indicated the fastest improvement in operating conditions of the Indian manufacturing sector in 17-and-a-half years.

"Indian manufacturing growth gained further momentum in August, with ongoing improvements in demand continuing to underpin robust increases in factory orders and production," S&P Global said in its monthly report, which is based on a survey conducted among nearly 400 manufacturing firms spread across the country.

Production volumes expanded at its quickest pace in five years. The strongest sales and output performances were reported in the intermediate goods category, followed by capital and then consumer goods.

However, concern over the US tariffs dragged international sales growth to five-month low.

"The increase of US tariff on Indian goods to 50% might have contributed to the slight easing in new export orders growth, as American buyers refrain from placing orders in the midst of tariff uncertainty," said Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC.

"Overall orders growth, on the other hand, held up much better, suggesting that domestic orders remained robust, helping to cushion against tariff-related drag on the economy. Manufacturers' continued optimism for future output is a positive sign," said Bhandari.

There was an increase in employment for the 18th month in a row. However, the pace of growth in job creation in August was weakest since November 2024.

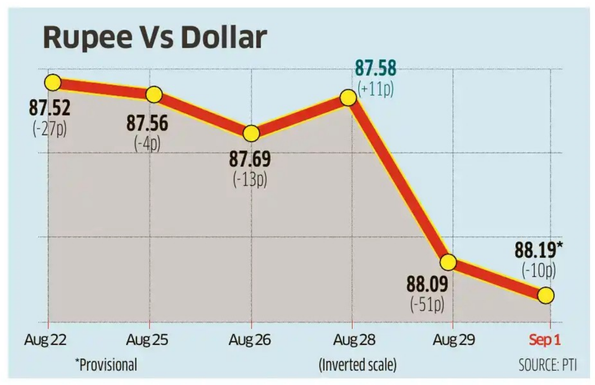
Greater output requirements and efforts to rebuild stocks prompted manufacturers to purchase additional raw materials and semi-finished items midway through the second fiscal quarter.

"One factor that supported these positive spending trends was confidence among manufacturers that output would increase over the course of the coming 12 months," S&P Global said. The overall level of positive sentiment recovered from July's three-year low.

Capacity pressures among goods producers remained subdued in August, as highlighted by a marginal increase in outstanding business volumes. Firms generally noted an absence of pressure on supply chains, with average lead times shortening to a greater degree than in July, the report noted.

# Rupee sinks to record low

## But finally recovers to end flat after likely RBI intervention




MUMBAI, REUTERS

The rupee recovered from its record low to end unchanged on Monday, helped by likely intervention from the Reserve Bank of India towards the later part of the session, according to traders.

The rupee ended at 88.1950 to the U.S. dollar, identical to Friday's close. The currency fell 0.7% in August, its fourth consecutive monthly decline.

The rupee plummeted to a fresh record low of 88.33 earlier in the day, reflecting mounting concerns over higher US tariffs on Indian goods and the broader economic implications for the country.

"Today being a US holiday there was thin liquidity, thus flows had power to create unusual moves in the currency," said Kunal Sodhani, vice president at Shinhan Bank India.

"Overall, rupee weakness may persist in order to maintain export competitiveness. For USD/INR, 87.94 now acts as an important support, which was earlier the all-time high, while 88.50 levels may be tested."

The unit is the worst-performing Asian currency year-to-date, down about 3% against the dollar, and the underperformance is expected to continue as Indian goods face the highest US tariffs among Asian countries.

Higher tariffs are likely to drag the nation's export competitiveness, and a slowdown in exports could weigh on corporate revenues and profits.

India's trade balance and broader growth outlook could also be affected, forcing foreign portfolio investors to reconsider allocations to Indian equities.

Foreign investors have pulled out $2.4 billion from Indian equities over the past three sessions, and continuous outflows are expected to exacerbate volatility in the currency and equity markets.

# Gold touches lifetime high of Rs 1.05 lakh/10g on tariff jitters

NEW DELHI, PTI

Rising for the sixth consecutive session, gold prices rallied Rs 1,000 to hit yet another record high of Rs 1,05,670 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday, lifted by expectations of a rate cut by the US Federal Reserve this month and robust demand in overseas markets.

According to the All India Sarafa Association, the precious metal of 99.9% purity had climbed Rs 1,000 to hit a record high of Rs 1,04,670 per 10 grams on Saturday.

In the local market, gold of 99.5% purity jumped Rs 800 to hit a lifetime high of Rs 1,04,800 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes) on Monday. It had settled at Rs 1,04,000 per 10 grams in the previous market session.

Traders said the precious metal surged as investors surged towards safe-haven assets amid growing concerns over the independence of the US Fed and heightened uncertainty around tariff policies.

Additionally, silver prices rallied Rs 1,000 to hit a fresh peak of Rs 1,26,000 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes) on Monday. The white metal had skyrocketed Rs 6,000 to hit a record high of Rs 1,25,000 per kg on Saturday.

"Silver hit record high in the domestic markets largely driven by industrial demand in clean energy and electronics supporting with speculative interest driving the price sharply higher.

"The recent announcement of the US Geological Survey proposing silver as a critical mineral has created a new wave of momentum as well," Trivesh D, Chief Operating Officer at brokerage firm Tradejini, said.

On the MCX, the most-traded gold futures for October contract on Monday increased Rs 2,113 or 2.03% to hit a lifetime high of Rs 1,05,937 per 10 grams in morning trade.

Subsequently, the yellow metal futures for the December contract jumped Rs 1,682 to hit a record high of Rs 1,06,539 per 10 grams.

"For gold, deteriorating value of the rupee internationally and rising geopolitical tensions have made gold more attractive as a safe haven. Gold crossed Rs 1.05 lakh per 10 grams and silver zoomed near Rs 1.25 lakh per kg on the MCX, which has caused Indian buyers to see some of the highest prices in over 10 years now," said Trivesh D.

In addition, silver futures for December contract zoomed Rs 3,117, or 2.5%, to hit a record peak of Rs 1,24,990 per kg on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on Monday.

In the international markets, Comex gold futures for December contract rose to hit a record high of USD 3,556.87 per ounce. Spot gold rose USD 22.51, or 0.65%, to trade at $3,470.51 per ounce in New York.

"Spot gold extended its rally, buoyed by increasing expectations of a September rate cut, growing uncertainty around President Donald Trump's proposed tariffs, and the escalating standoff between the Fed and the Trump administration," Kaynat Chainwala, AVP Commodity Research, Kotak Securities, said.

San Francisco Fed President Mary Daly signalled that policymakers may be ready to lower interest rates soon, noting that inflation driven by tariffs is likely to be temporary.

# India emerges as life sciences GCC hub

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India has emerged as the global hub for lifesciences Global Capability Centres (GCCs), with 23 of the world's top 50 life sciences companies establishing centres in the country —a majority of them in just the past five years.

These GCCs have rapidly evolved from managing traditional back-office roles into strategic innovation engines. Far from being limited to support functions, these centers now play a critical role in global mandates such as drug discovery, digital therapeutics, and real-world evidence (RWE) analytics, increasingly leveraging artificial intelligence to accelerate pipelines and drive patient-centric innovation, according to EY India.

In a latest report, 'Reimagining Life Sciences Global Capability Centers (GCCs)', EY India highlighted India's growing role in driving pharmaceutical research, innovation and end-to-end value creation.

Modern GCCs are managing integrated functions across the life sciences ecosystem – spanning clinical trial operations, pharmacovigilance, regulatory affairs, supply chain analytics, and biostatistics, alongside enabling functions such as finance, HR, IT, and data analytics. This expanded scope is driving measurable enterprise outcomes.

EY analysis also shows that penetration across both enabling and core functions has accelerated sharply in the last five years. On the enabling side, lifesciences GCCs in India now handle 70% of finance, 75% of HR, 62% of supply chain, and 67% of IT functions for their global life sciences firms.

More significantly, their role in core functions has deepened – with 45% penetration in drug discovery and development, 60% in regulatory affairs, 54% in medical affairs, and 50% in commercial operations. This shift underlines India's transition from a support hub to a strategic center powering end-to-end innovation and operations for the industry.

Commenting on the insights, Arindam Sen, Partner and GCC Sector Lead – Technology, Media & Entertainment and Telecommunications, EY India said, "Our analysis highlights how India has rapidly evolved from a support base to the very center of innovation for global pharma and healthcare. In just five years, GCC penetration in enabling functions like finance, HR, supply chain, and IT has crossed ₹60%. But what truly stands out is the deepening role in core functions – from drug discovery and regulatory affairs to medical and commercial operations."

## Flipkart picks majority stake in Pinkvilla

**BENGALURU, DHNS: Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, on Monday announced the acquisition of a majority stake in Pinkvilla India Private Limited, a digital infotainment platform. This acquisition is part of Flipkart's broader strategy to expand its content footprint and enhance engagement with Gen Z and millennial audiences, leveraging Pinkvilla's established brand, capabilities, and loyal audience base.**

**Movies and celebrities play a significant role in shaping trends and influencing consumption habits, and with a majority of Gen Z users consuming content on these themes, the acquisition of an infotainment platform is a natural fit as Flipkart enhances its appeal to this audience.**

**This acquisition by Flipkart offers the company a chance to gain trend insights and create content for commerce opportunities, thereby further solidifying the company's position in the Indian market.**

**Ravi Iyer, Senior Vice President, Corporate, Flipkart, commented, "Our acquisition of a majority stake in Pinkvilla is a critical step in our mission to deepen our engagement with Gen Z. Pinkvilla's robust content IPs and strong connection with its loyal audience base are assets that will accelerate our efforts to leverage content as a key driver of growth."**

# GST collection rises 6.5% to Rs 1.86 lakh crore in August

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Gross revenue collection from goods and services tax (GST) rose by 6.5% year-on-year to Rs 1.86 lakh crore in August, the Union Finance Ministry data showed on Monday.

However, sequentially the GST revenue collection declined. In July, the gross GST revenue stood at Rs 1.96 lakh crore.

"On a month on month basis, the gross GST collections have shown a decline of 4.8% and it would be an important input for the GST Council for assessing revenue loss as it considers the GST rate rationalisation proposals later this week," said Karthik Mani, Partner- Indirect tax at BDO India. GST Council meeting is scheduled on September 3-4 in New Delhi.

Domestic GST collection grew by 9.6% to Rs 1.37 lakh crore, while tax from imports dipped 1.2% to Rs 49,354 crore.

After refunds, the GST revenue in August stood at Rs 1.67 lakh crore, 10.7% higher when compared with the same month last year. GST refunds declined by 20% year-on-year to Rs 19,359 crore in August.

"The significant dip in export refunds is a clear signal of the impact that global tariffs are having on our export sector," Saurabh Agarwal, Tax Partner, EY India.

"The Government's steps to build relations with other developing economies would likely help in addressing these external challenges to ensure our exporters remain competitive on the world stage," Agarwal added.

Revenue collection from central GST stood at Rs 31,474 crore, while states collected Rs 39,736 crore as States GST. Taxes on inter-state sales and imports apportioned among central government and the consuming state stood at Rs 83,964 crore. Collection from GST compensation cess stood at Rs 11,792 crore during the month under review.

## Sensex jumps 555 pts on value buying across sectors, strong GDP data

**MUMBAI, PTI:** Benchmark BSE Sensex on Monday rebounded by nearly 555 points on value buying in IT, auto and consumer durables shares after three straight days of losses and strong macro data.

The 30-share Sensex jumped 554.84 points or 0.70% to settle at 80,364.49 with 23 of its constituents ending higher and seven lower. The index opened with gains and later surged 597.19 points or 0.74% to hit a high of 80,406.84.

The 50-share NSE Nifty spurted by 198.20 points or 0.81% to close at 24,625.05.

Among Sensex firms, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tata Motors, Trent, Eternal, Asian Paints and Infosys were the major gainers.

However, Sun Pharma, ITC, Hindustan Unilever and Titan were among the laggards.

India's economy grew by a stronger-than-expected 7.8% in April-June, its fastest pace in five quarters, before US President Donald Trump imposed tariffs that now cloud the outlook, threatening key exports like textiles.

"India's Q1 GDP growth of 7.8%, exceeding projections, has reinforced investor confidence in the economy's resilience amid global uncertainties. Expectations of GST rationalisation at the upcoming council meeting continue to bolster sentiment, supporting discretionary consumption. This optimism is particularly benefiting sectors such as auto and consumer durables," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited, said.

## Puravankara wins redevelopment project in Mumbai's Malabar Hill

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Puravankara Limited, a Bengaluru-based real estate developer, on Monday announced the acquisition of redevelopment rights for a prime residential society in Malabar Hill, Mumbai, through its wholly owned subsidiary, Purva Blue Agate Pvt Ltd.

This 1.43-acre project offers a development potential of 0.7 million square feet, providing new, premium homes for existing residents while also creating a substantial portion for sale. The project has an estimated revenue potential of Rs 2,700 crore, the company said in a statement.

This announcement comes close on the heels of Puravankara being selected as the preferred developer for the redevelopment of eight residential societies in Chembur (July 2025), with a development potential of over 1.2 million square feet and an estimated GDV of Rs 2,100 crores.

Over the last two years, Puravankara has steadily built a strong redevelopment pipeline with projects in Breach Candy, Pali Hill, and Lokhandwala. The latest addition at Malabar Hill reinforces the company's position as a key player in Mumbai's rapidly evolving redevelopment landscape.

# SC throws out PIL against Centre allowing 20% ethanol blended petrol

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court Monday declined to entertain a PIL challenging the Centre's policy of rolling out 20% ethanol blended petrol (E20) without providing the consumers an option to purchase such a fuel.

"We are not inclined to entertain the plea. Dismissed," a bench led by Chief Justice of India B R Gavai said.

The PIL was filed by lawyer, Akshay Malhotra. The court considered the central government's claim that E20 fuel benefitted sugarcane farmers.

Senior Advocate Shadan Farasat, appearing for the petitioner-Malhotra, argued that now only E20 was seemingly available without any notice.

"Now, there are vehicles being manufactured compatible with E20 petrol, there is no difficulty on that. But the largest number of vehicles have not been manufactured for that. NITI Aayog report says that vehicles are being damaged," he submitted.

The counsel further argued that there was a drop in fuel efficiency. This has been done without any notice.

"Let E20 be there, we are not against that. But there should be a choice of what was available previously as well, and inform the consumer. Because at petrol pumps we don't know what we are consuming," he contended.

Attorney General, R Venkataramani, vehemently opposed the plea and alleged that there was a lobby behind it. "The government has considered everything, before the proposal," he said.

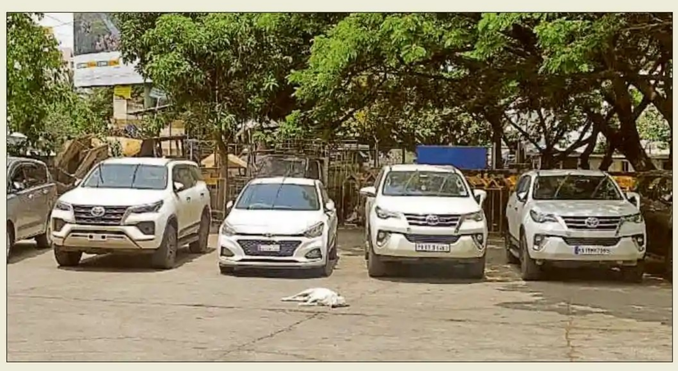
## 'Q1 CAD narrows to 0.2% of GDP'

**MUMBAI, PTI: India's current account deficit (CAD) narrowed to 0.2% of GDP, or $2.4 billion, during the April-June period of 2025-26 compared to 0.9% of the GDP, or $8.6 billion, in the year-ago period, helped by services exports, the RBI said on Monday.**

**In the preceding January-March quarter, the current account was in a surplus of $13.5 billion (1.3% of GDP).**

SLOW LANE

# Top carmakers post August sales drop to dealers, await tax cut verdict



REUTERS

The country's top carmakers reported lower sales to dealers for a fourth straight month in August amid weak demand, with SUV maker Mahindra & Mahindra scaling down its dispatches ahead of a government decision on lower consumption tax.

Maruti Suzuki, Mahindra & Mahindra, Hyundai Motor India and Tata Motors are India's four largest carmakers, cornering 80% of sales. Their combined sales dropped 8.7% in August.

Analysts at Nomura said automotive dealers stocked up conservatively for August ahead of the key tax cut decision, as buyers delay festive season purchases expecting lower prices.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced sweeping tax reforms, including tax cuts on small cars, effective from October, with India's goods and services tax (GST) council meeting later this week to discuss the matter.

Mahindra's sports utility vehicle sales fell 9% in August, falling for the first time since January 2022. They are still up 15% so far in the fiscal year to March 2026.

The drop relegated Mahindra to the no. 4 spot, allowing Hyundai's Indian unit to return to its long-held no. 2 spot. Mahindra had held the no. 2 spot for the last four months.

Hyundai reported a sales decline of 11%. Tata Motors' car sales dropped 7%, cushioned slightly by a jump in electric vehicle sales to a record 8,540 units.

Meanwhile, market leader Maruti Suzuki reported an 8% decline in sales, hurt by lower sales volumes of entry-level small cars. Sales of utility vehicles, including SUVs and multi-seater vehicles, fell for a third-straight month.

Small cars and two-wheelers are likely to see the biggest benefit, with the tax rate expected to drop to 18% from 28%, Reuters reported last month, citing a government source.

Auto stocks closed nearly 3% higher, hitting their highest levels since last October, on strong two-wheeler sales and hopes of tax cuts.

Eicher Motors reported a 57% surge in domestic sales in its Royal Enfield stable and TVS Motor logged a 28% growth.

## Crimson Flame wins main event

**HYDERABAD RESULTS**

MF Ali Khan-trained Crimson Flame, ridden by Akshay Kumar, won the upper division of the Asaf Jah VII Memorial Cup, the feature event of the Hyderabad races on Monday.

**1. Nice Fella Plate - 1400M:** Sunny Day (Ajeeth Kumar) 1; Peanur (Mukesh Kumar) 2; Dream To Fly (Naresh) 3; NRI Range (Santosh Raj) 4; WB: Nk, Nk, 3-1/2L; T: 1:28.71; TB: Ananth Vatsalya; Fav: NRI Range.

**2. Mount Pleasant Plate - 1800M:** Andre (Akshay Kumar) 1; Sanaya (Mukesh Kumar) 2; La Fleuriere (BR Kumar) 3; Mrs Brando (Imran Chisty) 4; WB: 3, 8-1/2, 1/2L; T: 1:53.94; TB: Bharath Singh; Fav: Andre.

**3. Asaf Jah VII Memorial Cup (Div II) - 1100M:** Exclusive Black (Imran Chisty) 1; Kalki (Akshay Kumar) 2; Rolls Royce (Abhay Singh) 3; Sopranos (Sai Kumar) 4; NR: Tiger Ruby; WB: 2, Shd, 11-3/4L; T: 1:07.06; TB: Imran Khan; Fav: Kalki.

**4. Fateh Maidan Club Cup (Div I) - 1600M:** NRI Triple Power (Mukesh Kumar) 1; Gold Giver (Akshay Kumar) 2; Sargent (HM Akshay) 3; Sadiya (Kuldeep Singh) 4; WB: 5-1/2, 3-1/4, 3L; T: 1:42.18; TB: D Netto; Fav: NRI Triple Power.

**5. Asaf Jah VII Memorial Cup (Div I) - 1100M:** Crimson Flame (Akshay Kumar) 1; Shadow Fax (Mukesh Kumar) 2; High Reward (RS Jodha) 3; High Heels (Sonu Kumar) 4; WB: Nk, 1-1/2, 1L; T: 1:08.12; TB: MF Ali Khan; Fav: Crimson Flame.

**6. Fateh Maidan Club Cup (Div II) - 1600M:** Pefect Light (BR Kumar) 1; Bhairava (Ajeeth Kumar) 2; Desert Sultan (Gaurav Singh) 3; Caraxes (Naresh) 4; WB: 2-1/4, 13-1/2L, Nk; T: 1:42.34; TB: Hilton Sequeira; Fav: Bhairava.

**Bengaluru dividends**

**I race:** Rs 50w; 13, 21, 10p; Fc: Rs 485; Q: Rs 294; Shp: Rs 60; Thp: Rs 43; Tri: Rs 1,346 & 360; Ex: Rs 2,116 & 935.
**II race:** Rs 13w; Rs 10, 15, 34p; Fc: Rs 75; Q: Rs 49; Shp: Rs 22; Thp: Rs 88; Tri: Rs 596 & 290; Ex: Rs 1,570 & 352.
**III race:** Rs 31w; 14, 10, 13p; Fc: Rs 48; Q: Rs 18; Shp: Rs 37; Thp: Rs 26; Tri: Rs 90 & 58; Ex: Rs 243 & 136.
**IV race:** Rs 13w; 10, 12, 15p; Fc: Rs 21; Q: Rs 21; Shp: Rs 19; Thp: Rs 27; Tri: Rs 31 & 25; Ex: Rs 98 & 83.
**V race:** Rs 18w; 11, 15, 30p; Fc: Rs 138; Q: Rs 96; Shp: Rs 35; Thp: Rs 83; Tri: Rs 1,080 & 829; Ex: Rs 1.943 & 485.
**VI race:** Rs 43w; 11, 11, 13p; Fc: Rs 92; Q: Rs 30; Shp: Rs 50; Thp: Rs 29; Tri: Rs 119 & 81; Ex: Rs 446 & 291.
**Jackpot:** Rs 878. (299). **Runner-up:** Rs 94 (1199). **I treble:** Rs 251 (17). **II treble:** Rs 202 (80).

## Khelif challenges gender test

**LAUSSANE, AFP:** Algerian boxer Imane Khelif, at the centre of a row at the 2024 Paris Olympics, has turned to sport's top court to attempt to overturn the introduction of a gender test, the court said on Monday.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport said in a statement that Khelif was challenging the global boxing federation's decision "that disallows the athlete's participation in upcoming World Boxing events without a preliminary genetic test".

Khelif was one of two boxers who sparked a gender eligibility furore at the Paris Games last year. The other was Taiwanese fighter Lin Yu-ting, who has been entered to compete at the world championships that start this week in Liverpool.

**TENNIS US OPEN**

# Alcaraz, Djokovic glide on

## Sabalenka strolls through, Krejcikova fights to progress

NEW YORK, AFP

Carlos Alcaraz and Novak Djokovic motored into the quarterfinals of the US Open on Sunday as reigning women's champion Aryna Sabalenka kept her title defence firmly on track.

Spanish second seed Alcaraz and tennis icon Djokovic—who are on course to meet in the semifinals—recorded straight-sets wins on the Arthur Ashe Stadium main court.

Five-time Grand Slam champion Alcaraz overpowered France's Arthur Rinderknech 7-6 (7/3), 6-3, 6-4 and has not dropped a set to date at the championships. Alcaraz will face the 20th seed Czech Jiri Lehecka in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

Lehecka reached the last eight of a Grand Slam for only the second time after battling past veteran Frenchman Adrian Mannarino, winning 7-6 (7/4), 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

Meanwhile, Djokovic (38) continued his latest bid for a record 25th Grand Slam singles title with a brisk 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 defeat of unseeded German Jan-Lennard Struff. Djokovic faces a quarterfinal on Tuesday against fourth seed Taylor Fritz, the lone American man left in the draw.

Fritz sprinted into the last eight with a 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 defeat of the Czech Republic's Tomas Machac in 1 hour 38 minutes. Fritz is carrying hopes of being the first US men's Grand Slam champion since Andy Roddick in 2003, following the exits of fellow seeds Ben Shelton, Tommy Paul and Frances Tiafoe.

But Fritz will head into his quarterfinal against Djokovic with history stacked against him. Djokovic has won all 10 of their past meetings, including a 2023 quarterfinal win at the US Open.

Australian eighth seed Alex de Minaur powered into the quarterfinals with a straight-sets rout of Swiss qualifier Leandro Riedi.

In the women's draw, Sabalenka never looked troubled in a 6-1, 6-4 defeat of Moldova-born Spaniard Cristina Bucsa, ranked 95th in the world. Sabalenka has now reached the quarterfinals or better at 12 straight Grand Slam tournaments, a consistency she attributes to striking a balance in her life on and off the court.

Sabalenka faces a quarterfinal against the Czech Republic's Marketa Vondrousova, the 2023 Wimbledon champion, who upset ninth seed Elena Rybakina 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 in the late game on Arthur Ashe.

Czech Republic's Barbora Krejcikova returns during her epic fourth-round win over American Taylor Townsend on Sunday. IMAGN IMAGES

### Epic battle

In other women's draw action on Sunday, another Czech, unseeded former French Open and Wimbledon champion Barbora Krejcikova, conjured a remarkable escape to oust Taylor Townsend, saving an incredible eight match points before digging out a 1-6, 7-6 (15/13), 6-3 victory.

Krejcikova fought off a match point on her own serve at 5-4 down in the second set, and then somehow survived seven match points in an enthralling tie-breaker to move on.

"What a match," said Krejcikova, who revealed she had wondered if she would ever play tennis again after missing the opening months of the season with a back injury.

"I was sidelined for six months and didn't know if I would ever play again. I'm super happy I can be here."

Krejcikova will face American fourth seed Jessica Pegula in the quarter-finals.

**Results: (Prefix denotes seeding)**
**Fourth Round: Men:** 7-Novak Djokovic (Srb) bt Jan-Lennard Struff (Ger) 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; 2-Carlos Alcaraz (Esp) bt Arthur Rinderknech (Fra) 7-6 (7/3), 6-3, 6-4; 4-Taylor Fritz (USA) bt 21-Tomas Machac (Cze) 6-4, 6-3, 6-3; 20-Jiri Lehecka (Cze) bt Adrian Mannarino (Fra) 7-6 (7/4), 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.
**Women:** 1-Aryna Sabalenka (Blr) bt Cristina Bucsa (Esp) 6-1, 6-4; Barbora Krejcikova (Cze) bt Taylor Townsend (USA) 1-6, 7-6 (15/13), 6-3; Marketa Vondrousova (Cze) bt 9-Elena Rybakina (Kaz) 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; 4-Jessica Pegula (USA) bt Ann Li (USA) 6-1, 6-2.

# Barcelona stumble against Vallecano

## Betis fall to Bilbao; Espanyol edge Osasuna 1-0

MADRID, AFP

Champions Barcelona dropped their first points of the La Liga season with a 1-1 draw at Rayo Vallecano on Sunday night.

The Catalan giants had goalkeeper Joan Garcia to thank for earning them that, as he made several fine saves on a testing night in the Spanish capital.

Barca took the lead through a contested Lamine Yamal penalty, at a time in the match when VAR was not working, but Fran Perez levelled after the break for the hosts, who could have gone on to win.

After leaders Real Madrid won their third game on Saturday and Athletic Bilbao followed suit earlier on Sunday, Barcelona are fourth and trail the leaders by two points.

"We didn't deserve more—in the end we had a fantastic goalkeeper," said Barca coach Hansi Flick. "We made too many mistakes, too many errors and this is why they come back and this was not a good match for us."

### Bilbao unbeaten

Earlier, Athletic Bilbao won 2-1 at Real Betis to pull level with Real Madrid as the only teams still boasting a 100-per cent record.

Marc Bartra deflected a cross into his own net before Aitor Paredes pounced for Athletic's second, as the Basque side won their third match in a row to maintain their perfect start.

**Results:** Rayo Vallecano: 1 (Fran Perez 67th) drew with Barcelona: 1 (Lamine Yamal 40th); Real Betis: 1 (Cedric Bakambu 90+7th) lt to Athletic Bilbao: 2 (Marc Bartra 60th, Aitor Paredes 85); Celta Vigo: 1 (Borja Iglesias 90+4th) drew with Villarreal: 1 (Nicolas Pepe 53rd); Espanyol: 1 (Carlos Romero 52nd) bt Osasuna 0

Barcelona's Lamine Yamal (left) vies for the ball with Rayo Vallecano's Pep Chavarria at the Vallecas stadium in Madrid on Sunday. AFP

## Teen sensation Maaya advances

**NEW YORK, PTI:** Teenage Indian tennis player Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi overcame China's Zhang-Qian Wei to enter the second round of the junior girls' singles event at the US Open in Flushing Meadowns but Hitesh Chauhan bowed out after a straight-sets defeat here.

The unseeded 16-year-old teenager, who hails from Coimbatore and trains at the Rafael Nadal Academy in Mallorca, Spain, defeated her Chinese rival 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 in little over an hour and half.

She will take on second-seeded Hannah Klugman of the United Kingdom in the second round. Klugman decimated Aspen Schuman of the US 6-0, 6-2.

Maaya, who is emerging as a promising player, recently upset multiple senior players to make it to the semifinals of the Mumbai Open WTA125 tournament despite being unranked at that time.

Maaya Rajeshwaran. X

Meanwhile in boys' singles, Hitesh, who trains at Round Glass in Chandigarh, lost 2-6, 4-6 to American Jerrid Gaines Jr in his opening round that lasted one hour and 25 minutes.

## Supreme Court reserves order on issue of MRA

NEW DELHI, PTI

The Supreme Court on Monday reserved its order on issues pertaining to the renewal of the master rights agreement, which is necessary for holding Indian Super League (ISL) football matches this season.

A bench of Justices P S Narasimha and Joymalya Bagchi said it will pass a short order on the urgent issue of master rights agreement and thereafter, pronounce the verdict on the constitution of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

"First, we will pronounce a short order and then we will pronounce the verdict on the constitution.

The judgment is ready but we have not pronounced it as there is uncertainty over the Act coming into force," Justice Narasimha said.

The bench asked Additional Solicitor General (ASG) KM Nataraj how much time the government will take to come up with rules and other modalities to make the National Sports Governance Act of 2025 come into force.

The ASG said work is in progress and it may take a month or three months or may be six months for the Act to come into force.

## Top seed Om battles past Pranav

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Top seed Om Patel survived a stern opening-day test to advance to the Round of 16 at the KSLTA ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors, which began at the SM Krishna Tennis Stadium and Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Monday.

Patel rallied from a set down to defeat compatriot Pranav Mahesh Saravanakumar 6-7 (7), 6-4, 6-2 in a gripping boys' singles contest. Second seed Aditya Mor also endured a three-set battle to overcome Shaurya Bhardwaj 5-7, 6-1, 6-4, while fifth seed Ojas Mehlawat cruised past Uday Kaul 6-0, 6-3.

The girls' singles saw Sree Syleswari Velmanikandan edge out Padmapriya Ramesh Kumar 7-6 (3), 6-4, and Meghana GD won a close battle against Tanishca Bhatnagar 7-5, 7-6(4). Fifth seed Aahan Aahan registered a 6-1, 6-4 win over Karthika Padmakumar, while Aahida Singh beat Riddhi Shinde 7-6(3), 6-2.

Sixth seed Saiyette Varadhar advanced with a 6-4, 6-4 win.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The Karnataka State Agricultural Marketing Board is inviting brief tender for Rastriya E-Market Services Pvt.Ltd., Office Building Repair Work. More information in this regard can be obtained from **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** portal vide indent No: APMC/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT657. The last date for submission of Bids is **15.09.2025.**

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KPTCL invites Tender for 01 number of Civil Engineering work coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (Projects) Circle, Kalaburagi.

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**Office of the Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Bellary.**

No. EE/PRED/BLY/AE-1/various heads/2025-26/869 Dt. 30-08-2025.

**Short Term Tender Notification (Through KPPP Portal only)**

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka tenders are invited from the eligible contractors who have enrolled in Panchayath Raj Engineering Department for 09 works comprising of approved Buildings and Road works under 2024-25 KKRDB, 2024-25 CM Special Grant, 2023-24 cm special Grant 5054 Roads, 2024-25 4202 State Fund New Classroom Construction and 2024-25 MLA Grant through KPPP portal.

**Indent No.**
**1.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT16592/Call-3**
**2.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT17607/CALL-2**
**3.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT16393/CALL-2**
**4.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT15606/CALL-2**
**5.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT 15697/Call-2**
**6.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT 15516/Call-2**
**7.RDPR/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT12725/CALL-4**
**8.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT16811/call-2**
**9.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT17934/CALL-2**

Contractors are required to submit the tender before 06-09-2025 at 4.30 PM by uploading the relevant documents through KPPP portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** by downloading the formats for submission of tenders from **30-08-2025 to 06-09-2025 at 4.30 PM.** Tenders will be opened through KPPP portal on **08-09-2025 at 10.30 AM.** Any changes in the notification will be published KPPP website only. Accepting/rejection of tenders without assigning reason is reserved. Any details can be obtained in person at the office or through telephone No. 08392-266173.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
**Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Ballari**

**DIPR/Ballari/415/KSMCA/2025-26**

**Karnataka Public works Department.**
Tumkur Division, Karnataka Telephone: 0816-2272479,
No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/JE.1/T.No.15/2025-26 Dt: 28.08.2025
**Invitation For Tenders (IFT) KW-4**
**E-TENDER NOTIFICATION**

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in Single and Two cover system for Class-4 & above Contractors registered in PWD for works under 3054-SH And MDR Maintenance Head of account in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through KPPP-Portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).The works reserved for SC-31 No's, ST-13 No's, CAT-I-7 No's, CAT-II(A)-28 No's, The dates are published as below.
(Maximum Amount Put to Tender Rs.70.00 Lakhs and Minimum Amount Put to Tender is Rs 0.65 lakhs, Maximum EMD Amount Rs.1,40,000/- and Minimum EMD Amount Rs.819/-)
1. Last date for tender information enqueries : 06-09-2025:17-30. 2. Last date for submission of tender: 08-09-2025: 16-00. 3. Date of opening the Technical bid (Above 20.00 Lakhs Works): 09-09-2025: 16-10. 4. Date of opening the Financial bid(Below 20.00 Lakhs Works): 09-09-2025: 16-30. 05. Date of opening the Financial bid(Above 20.00 Lakhs Works) : 10-09-2025: 16-30. Note: Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered, Here after any changes with reference to this Notification will be Notified in E-Portal Only

**Sd/-** EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.

DIPR/TUM/285/KSMCA/2025-26

**KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED**
**(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)**

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Mode Only)**

KPTCL, Transmission (Operations) Zone, Kalaburagi Invites bids from the eligible bidders for the following works:

**I. No. CEE/OPRZ/KLB/SEE(O)/AEE-2/2025-26/6835 Date: 01.09.2025**

Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/2025-26/SS/TAMBRAHALLI/RPLCMNT DTD: 01.09.2025 for Replacement of existing 2x12.5MVA, 66/11kV by 2x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer and providing additional switchgear at 66/11kV Sub-station Tambrahalli in H.B. Halli Tq., Vijayanagar Dist. on Partial Turnkey Basis, including Supply of all Materials/ Equipments (Excluding supply 20 MVA power transformers and 1lkV Switchgear) and Erection (including dismantling & Civil Works) of all Materials/Equipments, Testing and Commissioning. **Call-2**

**II. No. CEE/OPRZ/KLB/SEE(O)/AEE-2/2025-26/6809 Date: 01.09.2025**

Bid Enquiry No. : KPTCL/2025-26/SS/110kV Metri 10MVA Addl Dtd : 01.09.2025. for Providing additional 1x10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer along with additional switchgear at 110/11kV Metri Sub-station in Hospet Taluk, Ballari District **Call-2**.

The bids will be received through Karnataka Public Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the Karnataka public procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **02.09.2025.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

**Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy, Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.**

**ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮತ್ತು ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕೋಲಾರ**
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕ.ನ.ನೀ.ಸ ಮತ್ತು ಒ.ಚ. ಮಂಡಳಿ, ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕೋಲಾರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ, ಟಮಕ, ಕೋಲಾರ-563103. E-mail-eeklrwaterboard75@gmail.com

**ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**
**(Through KPPP portal only)**

ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಅರ್ಹತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ / ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರುಗಳಿಂದ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಮೊಹರಾದ ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. **ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು:** (1) ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ/ಕಜಮ/ಕಾ.ಅ/ಕೋ/ತಾ. ಸ./ಸ.ಅ/539/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.08.2025 ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂಬರ್ **KUWSDB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT302/CALL-3** Construction of R.C.C One way surge tank, Supply and fixing of air valves, zero velocity valves and allied works at different chainages for rising main pipelines laid from Head works at Yargol dam to 13 MLD capacity WTP at Bangarpete, 13 MLD capacity WTP at Bangarpete to 30.42 MLD capacity WTP at Kolar for surge protection under combined water Supply Scheme to Kolar city, Bangarpete, Maluru Towns and 45 En-route Villages with Yargola Dam as a Source under UIDSSMT.

ಟೆಂಡರಿನ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ.56,22,704/-, ಬಿಡ್ ಭದ್ರತೆ ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ.1,13,000/-.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ KPPP ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್ಸೈಟ್ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರು,
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From left: Vinodh Singh, Tuner Kapil Thakur and Shailendra Singh pose after their victory at Dakshin Dare

## Vinod-Shailendra wear Dakshin Dare crown

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Driving a 1300cc Maruti Gypsym, Team Vishva's Vinod Singh and co- driver Shailendra Singh clinched their maiden Overall title in the Motorsport Inc fmsci 14th Dakshin Dare cross-country rally at Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh.

Palakkad's Adit KC and co-driver Harish KN (Team VMM) stormed into the Overall second in a Honda City on the final day, followed by teammates Aieman Ahmed of Chikkamagaluru and co-driver Sagar M of Bengaluru, in a Polo 1.6. |

Shillong's Phoebe along with Coimbatore's Venu Ramesh Kumar came fourth ahead of Vamcy Merla and experienced navigator Ashwin Naik. Team Vamcy Merla Motorsports won the Team Championship in the cars' section with four of the five teams finishing in the top-5 while Team TR2 Racing India won the team title in the 2-wheeler section.

In the two-wheeler section, multiple National rally champion Rajendra RE of Shivamogga representing Petronas TVS Racing won the overall championship beating defending champion Dhritimaan Singh of Dehradun on a TR2 Racing's KTM 450. Sanjay Somashekar of VM Motorsports came third.

Motorsports' only world champion, from the stables of TVS, Aishwarya Pissay, comfortably clinched the Ladies category crown. The Micro Labs and R9 Stables rider also finished a commendable Overall 9th ahead of some 20 men in her third Dakshin Dare after a hiatus of 8 years.

(From left) Raashi Rao, Tanishka Kalbhairav, Reyansh Jalan and Gaurav Gowda pose with their spoils in Belagavi.

## Double delight for Tanishka

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Tanishka Kalbhairav and Gaurav Gowda emerged champions in the U-17 singles events at the State-ranking Table Tennis tournament at Tilakwadi Club.

LOCAL TABLE TENNIS

In the girls' U-17 final, Tanishka outplayed Shivani Mahendran to take the title. Meanwhile, Gaurav overcame Shubham Trivedi 11-5, 11-8, 9-11, 11-9 to clinch the boys' U-17 title.

Tanishka also dominated the girls' U-15 category, defeating Krisha Karkera 11-5, 11-7, 11-6 in the final. In boys' U-15, Reyansh Jalan claimed the title with a straight-games win.

**Results (Final): Boys: U-17 singles:** Gaurav Gowda bt Shubham Trivedi 11-5, 11-8, 9- 11, 11 - 9.
**U-15:** Reyansh Jalan bt Aman George Thomas 11-9, 11-8, 11-6.
Girls: U-17: Tanishka Kalbhairav bt Shivani Mahendran 11-5, 11-4, 15-13.
**U-15:** Tanishka Kalbhairav bt Krisha Karkera 11-5, 11-7, 11-6.

### ◆ ON TV ◆

**TENNIS**

**US Open:** Quarterfinal (**11:30 pm**). **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

**CRICKET**

**1st ODI:** England vs South Africa (**5:30 pm**). **LIVE** on **FanCode.**

HOCKEY ASIA CUP

# Fiery India overwhelm Kazakhstan

## Abhishek slams four, Sukhjeet, Jugraj net hat-tricks in victory

HITA PRAKASH
RAJGIR, DHNS

For top-ranked India, it was going to be a game about keeping the scoreboard constantly ticking.

For the lowest-ranked Kazakhstan, it was about playing their hearts out and hope for the improbable to happen which in the end was not to be.

The Harmanpreet-led side, having already sealed their Super4s spot following wins against China and Japan, were too strong for the world No. 81 minnows. The hosts at the end of a one-sided affair finished with a 15-0 victory in their final Pool A encounter at the Asia Cup here on Monday.

Striker Abhishek, who had failed to make an impact in his team's two wins, opened his account by scoring the first two goals. After a reverse slap into the backboard, the 26-year-old followed it up with a forehand hit to help India race away to 2-0 inside the first-eight minutes of the opening quarter.

Sukhjeet Singh added a third field goal just before the hooter went off to signal the end of the first 15 minutes of play.

After having missed a few shots previously, Harmanpreet added another to his personal tally in the second quarter. By then Abhishek had completed his hat-trick while flicker Jugraj Singh and Amit Rohidas also converted a penalty corner each.

With the scoreboard reading 7-0 in favour of India at half-time, the Kazakhs were found huffing and puffing with both their morale and the fighting spirit diminishing rapidly. The big gap in the quality of play was so evident that many of the spectators, who had turned out in numbers, decided to call it a day in the middle of the third quarter when India had already touched a double digit score.

The third and the fourth quarters fetched four and four goals respectively before India put the scoreboard to rest. Abhishek ended with four while Sukhjeet and Jugraj Singh completed hat-tricks.

India's Abhishek (centre) tries to score during India's comprehensive 15-0 victory over Kazakhstan in the men's Asia Cup in Rajgir, Bihar on Monday. PTI

### China into Super4s

In another crucial Pool A match, the 22nd-ranked China and 18th-ranked Japan were caught in an engaging contest that ended in a 2-2 draw after each team had a win and loss in their kitties. However, Chongcong Chen-led China, with a better goal difference booked their Super4s berth.

For China, Changliang Lin (7th) and Xiaojia Zhang (25th) were the scorers while Kazumasa Matsumoto's (28th, 51st) two-goal effort went in vain as their campaign at the event will now be fought for 5-8 placings.

Earlier, Malaysia registered their third win to maintain a clean sheet and the world No. 12 did in style by blanking Chinese Taipei 15-0. Akhimullah Anuar added five goals to his credit while Ashran Hamsani and Norsyafiq Sumantri netted a hat-trick each.

Malaysia will be joined by Korea in the Super4s after the defending champions came through 5-1 against Bangladesh.

**Results: Pool A:** India: 15 (Abhishek 5th, 8th, 20th, 59th, Sukhjeet Singh 15th, 32nd, 38th, Jugraj Singh 24th, 31st, 47th, Harmanpreet Singh 26th, Amit Rohidas 29th, Rajinder Singh 32nd, Sanjay 54th, Dilpreet Singh 55th) bt Kazakhstan: 0; China: 2 (Changliang Lin 7th, Xiaojia Zhang 25th) drew with Japan: 2 (Kazumasa Matsumoto 28th, 51st).
**Pool B:** Malaysia: 15 (Ashran Hamsani 8th, 15th, 32nd, 54th, Akhimullah Anuar 10th, 20th, 29th, 45th, 56th, Norsyafiq Sumantri 20th, 40th, 60th, Abu Kamal Azrai 22nd, Andywalfian Jeffrynus 24th, Aiman Rozemi 32nd) bt Chinese Taipei: 0; Korea: 5 (Dain Son 9th, 11th, Seungwoo Lee 16th, Seyong Oh 22nd, Jihun Yang 60th) bt Bangladesh: 1 (Shohanur Sobuj 22nd).

# Kazakhs, taking it one step at a time

HITA PRAKASH
RAJGIR, DHNS

Who doesn't love an underdog story? The best in the business, in any field, might garner all the attention, awe and adulation, but the 'weaklings' on the sidelines with zero shot at winning are the relatable ones because the experience of being an underdog is universal.

Even the champions start from the bottom to get to the top. Don't they?

The ongoing men's Asia Cup too has an underdog - Kazakhstan, the world No. 81 and the lowest-ranked side in the eight-team tournament.

"We Kazakh players love Chak De India (the Shah Rukh Khan-starrer blockbuster Bollywood movie)," says Lenur Vishnyakov, the assistant coach of the team. "I have watched it 25 times. It is regularly played on our television channel back home," adds the former goalkeeper of their national side as current captain Yerkebulan Dyussebekov laughs and tells *DH*: "I have only watched it three times. I like it."

Kazakhstan, led by Yerkebulan Dyussebekov (with raised hand), is the lowest-ranked team at the Asia Cup in Rajgir, Bihar. HI MEDIA

The Kazakh men, though, haven't had a fairytale run similar to the plot of the 2007 film at the 10-day event in Rajgir. However, the team which qualified for Asia Cup after a gap of 32 years looked at it as the beginning of better things.

"After we became our own country (following the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991), field hockey wasn't given any prominence. Ice hockey is more popular but not field hockey. But the work we have done for 15 years has brought us here to India," explains 30-year-old Dyussebekov who belongs to the Jetisu region, south-east of Kazakhstan.

"It is because of the schools in our region that field hockey managed to survive. I was a wrestler before. Then, one day, 15 years ago, my coach asked me to start playing hockey," he reminisces.

Vishnyakov too switched from swimming to hockey and fell in love with it. "(PR) Sreejesh is my favourite. Good guy. Great player," says Vishnyakov as both of them take the help of Google Translate by speech to communicate.

If language has been a barrier here, enduring three defeats - Japan (0-7), China (1-13) and India (0-15) - against teams ranked way higher, they say was disappointing but has also given them valuable inputs to grow in the future.

"Youngsters such as drag-flicker Agymtay (Duisengazy, who is 21 years old) will take our team forward. He is the star player for us. We are very proud of him," offers Vishnyakov.

Apart from cheering for the top-ranked Indians, the Kazakhs have become the crowd favourite. Every tackle, attempt at scoring a goal or penalty corner earned is supported as if the men from Central Asia are one of their own.

"Nobody comes to watch us play back home. Empty stadiums. Here they are shouting 'Go Kazakhstan!'. It feels good. Everybody is treating us with smiles. Hopefully even we will become really good and compete at the Olympics someday," says Dyussebekov.

Ah, the innocence in the dreams of an underdog!

## New Delhi to host World Championships next Aug

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The BWF World Championships will return to India after 17 years, with New Delhi, picked to host the landmark event in August 2026.

The announcement was made during the closing ceremony of the 2025 Championships in Paris, where a handover took place between BWF President Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul, Frank Laurent, President of the Federation Francaise de Badminton and Sanjay Mishra, Honorary General Secretary of the Badminton Association of India.

India's selection reflects its transformation into one of badminton's most consistent medal-winning nations at the BWF World Championships, with 15 podium finishes since 1983.

The country's breakthrough came with Prakash Padukone's bronze in Copenhagen, while in 2011 Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponappa became the first Indian doubles medallists, signalling the nation's all-round rise.

At the forefront stands PV Sindhu, one of the most successful women's singles players in the tournament's history, with five medals: a gold, two silvers, and two bronzes.

Furthermore, India's medal streak has continued unbroken since 2011, most recently extended by Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty's bronze in Paris 2025, their second at the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Sanjay Mishra, General Secretary, BAI, said: "On behalf of the Badminton Association of India, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the BWF for entrusting us with the honour of hosting the World Championships in Delhi in August 2026. We assure that India will give nothing less than 100% to uphold and carry forward the same standards of excellence and grandeur that Paris has showcased."

## Prakhar, Sai star for Century Cricketers

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Prakhar Vishal Garud (76 n.o.) and Sai Akhilesh B 89 (n.o.) smashed unbeaten half-centuries while Sanket Shetty shone with a 4/31 effort as Century Cricketers romped to a 50-run win over Friends Union Cricket Club (2) in the KSCA Group I - I, II and III Division under-19 inter-club tournament here.

LOCAL CRICKET

**Brief scores (pre-quarterfinals):** Century Cricketers: 227/2 in 50 overs (Prakhar Vishal Garud 76 n.o., Sai Akhilesh B 89 n.o.) bt Friends Union Cricket Club (2): 177 all out in 45.5 overs (Siddesh A Asalkar 74; Sriee Krish RA 2-32, Sanket Shetty 4-31, Karan Umesh 2-38, Uday Charan R 2-21).
Young Lions Club: 142/7 in 43 overs (Manish Gowda A 25; Pemmaraju Piyush Praful Sai 4-15) lt to Swastic Union Cricket Club (2): 142/1 in 28 overs (Shiv R 63 n.o., Rehan Mohammed 52 n.o.). Start of the match was delayed due to wet outfield, later revised to 43 overs per side.
Rajajinagar Cricketers: 167 all out in 43.5 overs (Tejas KA 25, Purushotham Raghu 51; Rishabh Adiga 2-14, Harshil Arigala 2-9, Dhyaan Mahesh Hiremath 3-36) lt to Vijaya Cricket Club: 168/1 in 22.5 overs (Aadharsh SJ 67, Dhruv Krishnan 69 n.o.).
Vultures Cricket Club: 257/8 in 50 overs (Atharv Malviya 76, Arnav Mishra 45, Manik Raj 25; Naveen Kumar Reddy 2-52, Rohit R 2-50) bt Engrades Cricket Club: 130 all out in 32.3 overs (Rahul GV 32, Mudassir 49; Jayanth R Gowda 3-25, Aditya Pratap Singh 2-17, Manikanth Shivanand 3-10).
Dooravani Cricketers (1): 143 all out in 46 overs (Harshit Pai 28; S Pratham Raj 2-25, Chiranth D 3-37, Leshan S 3-35) bt Palar Sports Club, Kolar: 104 all out in 37.2 overs (Chiranth D 43; Sushanth K 3-21, Aditya Shahapurkar 4-23, Sachin KS 3-19).
Bharath Cricket Club: 143 all out in 47.1 overs (Akash G Kulkarni 51, Aadrith 27, Shashank HC 28; Atharv S Deshpande 2-20, Susheel R Udupi 3-20, Vaasav Venkatesh 2-14) lt to Bangalore Sports Club: 147/2 in 18.2 overs (Vaasav Venkatesh 74, Prateekh Nagaraj 38 n.o.; Venkat Samarth 2-51).
Social Cricketers: 101 all out in 48 overs (Sean Pratyush Cyril 30; Swayam Raje Urs V 2-7, Neel M Jain 2-22) lt to Jawans Cricket Club: 102/7 in 32.3 overs (Eesa Hakeem Puthige 56 n.o.; Sri Bhagath P 3-21).
Visweswarampuram Cricket Club (1): 105 all out in 36.3 overs (Shahan Shadab 31; Sriee Praghajeeth RA 2-21, Rathan BR 4-22) lt to Swastic Union Cricket Club (1): 106/6 in 26.3 overs (Nitish Arya 33; Raghav Karthik 2-33, Devansh Joshi 2-38).

## All-round Akshay shines for The Cathedral HS

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Akshay Babu's five-for and an unbeaten 30 helped The Cathedral High School register a convincing eight-wicket victory over Innisfree House School in the KM Ramprasad Shield Under-16 School tournament here.

LOCAL CRICKET

Akshay picked up 5/0 as IHS were skittled out for 56 in just 24 overs. In reply, Akshay (30 n.o.) helped his side wrap up the chase 8.2 overs.

**Brief scores:** Innisfree House School: 56 all out in 24 overs (R Pugal Sudan 2-9, Akshay Babu 5-0) lt to The Cathedral High School: 57/2 in 8.2 overs (Akshay Babu 30 n.o.).
Army Public School: 119 all out in 30.1 overs (Aarav Vikram Jain 2-30, Advik Srinivas 3-27, Likith Shivayogi 3-14) bt National Public School, Yeshwanthpur: 60 all out in 16.4 overs (Ayush Kumar Singh 5-30, Shaurya Panigrahi 3-10).
Vidyaniketan School: 281 all out in 48.4 overs (Vyom Naidu 38, K Devansh Shah 46, Nihal S Kukreja 29, Raghav JK 30, Kshiteesh BS 55 n.o., Eeshan Pavan Kumar Pairee 25; Nehaal Shrishaila Patil 2-60, Rishi Prithviraj 3-29, S Sai Charan 2-60, Shreyas Pradhan 3-38) vs Ryan International School, Kundanahalli: 32/3 in 12 overs (Match called off due to rain).
Triveni Memorial Educational Trust: 314/7 in 50 overs (Bhuvan Tejas N 29, Karthik T Bokke 30, Monish P 41, Preetam Mishrikoti 26, Dhanik Rishik L 52, Aman P 60; Dilipkumar Lathiya 2-52, Chhatrola Tanay Yogesh 2-58) vs Jain International Residential School: 57/2 in 14 overs (Monish P 2-21) Match was interrupted by rain, target revised to 298 in 46, but was later called off).
BGS National Public School, Hulimavu: 272/7 in 50 overs (Abhinav SS 27, Akhilesh Pradhan 31, Pratham Rao 43, Ankit V Onkar 52, Yashas Reddi Bongu 33; Skanda Raghavan 2-47) vs National Public School, B-10: 18/2 in 3.3 overs (Vedanth Vedanarayanan 2-7) (Match called off due to rain).
Florence Public School: 23/2 in 4.4 overs vs The Regency Public School (Match called off due to rain).
**Matches called off without a ball being bowled:** Vidyaniketan Public School, Ullal vs Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir; Chinmaya Vidyalaya vs School Vivekananda.

## WWC gets massive prize money hike

DUBAI, PTI

The winners of the upcoming ICC Women's Cricket World Cup will receive the biggest-ever prize money in the history of the tournament, a massive hike from USD 1.32 million (Rs 11.65 crore) in the previous edition to USD 4.48 million (Rs 39.55 crore), the sport's global governing body announced on Monday.

The 13th edition of the global showpiece event, beginning on September 30, is being jointly hosted by India and Sri Lanka.

Overall, the eight-team event will witness nearly a three-fold increase in prize money, with the ICC announcing a total prize purse of USD 13.88 million (Rs 122.5 crore approx) for the mega event.

"The International Cricket Council (ICC) today announced a staggering four-fold increase in prize money for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 to be hosted by India from 30 September to 2 November. The ICC sets a new benchmark for women's cricket as champions walk away with a record USD 4.48 million in prize money," said a statement from the global cricket body.

"The overall prize money at the eight-team tournament totals USD 13.88 million, which is a rise of 297 per cent from the USD 3.5 million (Rs 31 crore approx) at the last edition held in New Zealand in 2022. The total prize pot eclipses the prize money at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, which had total prize money of USD 10 million (Rs 88.26 crore approx)."

The runners-up will now receive USD 2.24 million (Rs 19.77 crore approx), an increase of 273 per cent in comparison to the USD 600,000 (Rs 5.30 crore) England received for reaching the final.

## Gritty India go down to Iran

**HISOR, PTI:** A gritty India fought hard for most part but let in two goals in the last seven minutes to eventually lose 0-3 to defending champions Iran in their second group match of the CAFA Nations Cup football tournament here on Monday.

The Indian defence largely remained compact and thwarted waves of Iranian attack but failed to stop strikes from Amirhossein Hosseinzadeh (60th minute), Ali Alipourghara (89th) and Mehdi Taremi (90+6) to lose the match.

Iran are a formidable side, ranked 20th in the world while India are currently at 133rd in FIFA ranking.

Iranian head coach Amir Ghalenoei had come with a team that has a mix of veteran internationals and few emerging talents from the Iranian Premier League.

India had beaten higher-ranked Tajikistan 2-1 in their opening match on August 29. They play against Afghanistan on September 4 in their final group B match.

The top teams from each group will play each other in the final, while the two second-placed teams will face off in the third-place match.

# Isak poised for record move

## Newcastle's red-hot striker set to join champions Liverpool for $169 million

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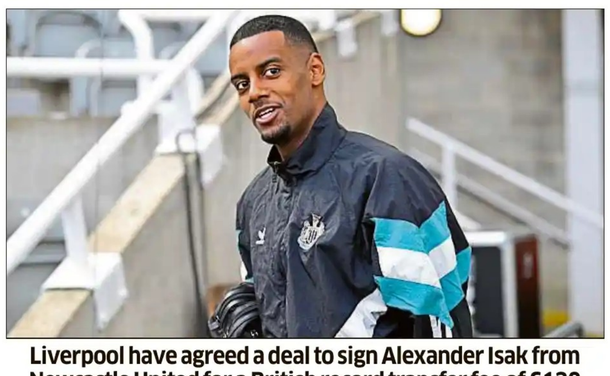

Liverpool have agreed a deal to sign Alexander Isak from Newcastle United for a British record transfer fee of £130 million. AFP

Alexander Isak is on the brink of a British-record £125 million ($169 million) move to Liverpool from Newcastle on a frantic final day of the Premier League transfer window.

The Sweden striker is understood to have arrived at the club's training ground on Monday as a protracted saga nears its end.

With the Premier League window due to shut at 1800 GMT, there are a number of big deals yet to be done as clubs scramble to strengthen.

Sky Sports reported that Newcastle have agreed a deal to sign Brentford forward Yoane Wissa while Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma is set for a move to Manchester City after being told he was surplus to requirements at Paris Saint-Germain.

Struggling Manchester United are understood to have agreed a deal to sign Belgian goalkeeper Senne Lammens from Royal Antwerp for an initial 21 million euros (£18 million, $24.6 million) as they seek to address their goalkeeping problems.

But all eyes will be on the expected finalising of Isak's move to Liverpool. The 25-year-old has made clear his desire to leave Newcastle even though he has three years remaining on his contract.

The Anfield club had a £110 million offer for the forward rejected last month and since then he has not trained with or played for Newcastle.

Donnarumma, who won the Champions League with PSG in May, is poised for a move to City, with the Premier League club understood to have agreed a fee of around 35 million euros. Ederson, City's long-serving Brazilian goalkeeper, is understood to be on the radar of Turkish side Fenerbahce.

United have paid the price for poor starts to the season for goalkeepers Andre Onana and Altay Bayindir.

The club had been linked with Aston Villa and Argentina goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez, who was not included in Villa's matchday squad for their 3-0 defeat at home to Crystal Palace on Sunday.

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